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Nigeria denies cutting price OPEC talks before month-end ruled out

LAGOS, Feb. 24 (R) — Authoritative oil sources in Nigeria said Wednesday that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is likely to meet before the end of March to discuss the effect of oil glut in the market on prices, but added there would be no meeting this month.

The sources said Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates were trying to coordinate the positions of other OPEC members before calling any special meeting, to avoid useless acrimony and a breakdown of OPEC's pricing structure. A meeting was likely in the second or third week of March and Abu Dhabi or Geneva were being considered as venues, the sources said.

Authorized Kuwaiti sources also told Reuters Wednesday there would be no February meeting but did not exclude the possibility of a private OPEC meeting ahead of the talks scheduled in Quito, Ecuador, May 20. The sources in Nigeria also denied market rumors that Nigeria was out to cut its contract oil price by \$2.50 a barrel but did not deny that some price reduction was being considered. It was absolutely untrue that Nigeria was discounting its oil, the sources added.

Western oil industry sources in London say several OPEC countries are discounting their oil to try to maintain sales in the prevailing glut and that Iran has cut prices outright by \$4 a barrel this month. These sources say there is also buyer pressure on Nigeria.

But the Lagos sources said Nigeria would not act unilaterally and its policy was to work within OPEC. They noted it was in the Nigerian interests not to undermine other member countries whose aim was to maintain current prices despite depressed world oil demand and oversupply from producers.

Nigerian oil industry figures for January showed output of 1.8 million barrels per day (BPD) and the sources said Nigeria would probably prefer to cut production rather than price. A senior oil industry source in Lagos said OPEC was being squeezed between an 11.3 percent drop in world demand of more than 52 million BPD in 1979 to just over 46 million BPD in 1982, and an increase in production from non-OPEC countries of some 10.2 percent over the same period.

The authoritative sources in Lagos considered the current oil crisis would be a problem for no longer than six months. Once refiners' stocks had been reduced, they said, the consumer countries would have to buy more crude oil. The issue facing Nigeria is whether it can retain the level of sales of its high quality light crude at the present price of \$36.5 a barrel in order to maintain its favorable balance of payments position.

Oil revenues provide 90-95 percent of Nigerian foreign exchange earnings. Foreign reserves are estimated at about \$5 billion, equivalent to more than two months' imports. Industry sources consider Nigeria would be able to accept the drop in output that would result from maintaining current prices, as the 1982 budget was calculated on output of 1.3 million barrels daily at the present price.

Gunmen threaten to blow up plane Kuwaiti jet hijacked in Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (AP) — Gunmen firing automatic weapons dashed across the tarmac of Beirut International Airport on Wednesday and commandeered a Kuwaiti Airways 707 jetliner with 105 persons aboard shortly after it landed on a flight from Libya, witnesses said.

One of the hijackers, in a tape-recorded conversation with the airport control tower broadcast by the "Voice of Lebanon," said 12 heavily armed men were aboard the plane and threatened to blow it up unless they were allowed to take off.

"We are the sons of Imam Moussa Sadr," the hijacker said in the taped conversation. "We want to take off at any price to an unknown destination. We are 12 armed men and we have explosives. Among the passengers are diplomats and political personalities."

The hijacker added that "if we are not permitted to take off we are threatening to blow up the plane."

The hijacker referred to Shiite Muslim religious leader Moussa Sadr, who disappeared on a visit to Libya in 1978. A half-dozen earlier hijacks by Shiites protesting Sadr's disappearance have occurred since 1979, including one last December in which 35 passengers were held for 52 hours before being released unharmed.

Lebanese government sources said the hijackers demanded to be flown to Iran, but the Iranian government announced its airport was closed and the foreign ministry "condemned" acts of sky piracy in principle.

About 7:15 p.m. local time (1715 GMT) an AP reporter saw about 20 Syrian troops arrive at the airport in combat gear aboard a troop truck. Passengers who had been awaiting their flights were jammed in the departure lounge but the airport was sealed off and no planes took off or landed.

An AP photographer said at about 6:50 p.m. local time (1650 GMT) the hijackers fired several shots at the airport control tower but there was no injuries or damage. The shots were apparently fired after negotiations in the control tower declined to talk further unless Lebanese Communist Party chief George Hawi was released from the plane.



STRIKERS BRUISED: Employees of the Automobile Club near Paris attempted to stage a strike on Tuesday during a race but were confronted by angry track patrons who were anxious to see the race go on. The strikers were pushed, clubbed and bruised and were unsuccessful in their attempt to obtain higher wages.

Greenland's voting to quit a jolt for EEC

GODTHAAB, Greenland, Feb. 24 (R) — Greenland has voted to pull out of the European Economic Community (EEC) in a referendum that could have far-reaching consequences for the world's biggest trading group.

Jubilant anti-marketiers set off fireworks in the icy streets of Godthaab early Wednesday after voters in the Arctic island decided by a narrow margin that they wanted nothing more to do with what they regard as Brussels bureaucracy.

The vote in Tuesday's poll was 52 to 46 percent in favor of Greenland becoming the first state or territory to withdraw from the EEC since its formation in 1957.

Jonathan Motzfeldt, chairman of the local parliament and head of the ruling anti-EEC Siumut (Social Democratic) Party, said the referendum was a "victory for the people of Greenland."

Our parliament will now discuss alternatives to the present (EEC) status. After all, we have a majority," he told reporters.

Final results issued by the Greenland home rule administration showed that of 23,795 votes cast in the referendum, 12,615 voted "no" to continued EEC membership and 11,180 said "yes." The turnout was 75 percent.

Greenland, the world's biggest island covering 2.2 million square km (850,000 square miles), more than twice as large as the rest of the 10-nation EEC put together, was carried reluctantly into the Common Market by Denmark in 1973.

But the Greenlanders won home rule from Denmark in 1979 and the Siumut Party has repeatedly said it would pull out of the community if the majority of voters wanted to leave.

EEC commission officials in Brussels have said a "no" vote and eventual withdrawal, which could take two years to negotiate, could set a dangerous precedent.

The referendum has come at an awkward time for the community, embroiled in fresh rows over contributions by member states and agricultural policy. Both the British opposition Labor Party and the new Greek Socialist government have talked of leaving the EEC.

Denmark has said it would respect Greenland's referendum decision and back any negotiations for a withdrawal in Brussels. But a Danish official here said "they could find the going tough if they decide to go it alone."

Greenland is located some 2,000 miles from the European mainland and its 50,000 population have felt estranged from their other Common Market partners.

Greenlanders, most of them of Eskimo origin, resent what they see as unjustified encroachments by Brussels on traditionally exclusive fishing rights.

Because of EEC regulations, Greenlanders have only a 12-mile exclusive fishing zone around the coast. One-third of the labor force is engaged in fishing, sealing and related industries and fish accounts for about 55 percent of exports.

Polling officials said fishing communities on the west coast voted solidly against continued EEC membership.

GCC states to sign security accord

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — A decision to sign a comprehensive security agreement between Gulf Cooperation Council member states was reached here Wednesday afternoon during final meetings attended by GCC interior ministers.

In a press statement, GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara said that, during the two-day meeting, the ministers reviewed the recommendations submitted by the experts committee which met last Saturday and Sunday.

Inspired by the principles enshrined in the basic statute of the GCC and the resolutions adopted by the GCC leaders during the first and the second sessions of the supreme council, Bishara said, the GCC interior ministers agreed to sign a comprehensive security agreement among themselves, believing that the strength of the Gulf is the strength of the Arab nation.

The ministers resolved to ask the secretariat general to invite experts from the member states to meet and prepare a draft agreement, with full consideration of the opinions and working papers already prepared by some member states, Bishara said. He added that the ministers will meet next October to review the draft treaty.

The GCC secretary general said the ministers also reviewed the documents submitted by Bahrain on the Iranian conspiracy which had aimed at wrecking the security and stability (of Bahrain). In this context, the ministers expressed their total support for Bahrain in preserving its security, sovereignty and independence, guided by their full conviction that the security of the Gulf cannot be jeopardized and that any assault on any of the member states will be considered an aggression on the other (member) states. Furthermore, the responsibility of confronting the assault on any state will be considered a collective matter for all member states, he added.

The ministers reiterated that interference from any circle in the internal affairs of any member states will be considered an intervention in the domestic affairs of all the GCC states. They, however, said they hoped that hostile attitudes taken by certain circles against the GCC states would end, in harmony with the requirements, of good-neighborness, one faith and well-known historical ties.

The ministers expressed their deep appreciation and gratitude to King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and the Saudi Arabian government for the cordial reception, best arrangements and kind hospitality.

King in Riyadh

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — King Khaled returned here Wednesday morning after relaxing a few days outside the capital. Crown Prince Fahd also returned here.

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Syria quells Hama rebellion

DAMASCUS, Feb. 24 (AFP) — The clean-up operation Syrian troops launched against rebel strongholds in the northern town of Hama three weeks ago is now over, a local official of the ruling Baath party said Wednesday.

Deputy Secretary for Hama Zuhair Masharka said that, "Baath officials and Syrian security troops have total control of the situation" in the city, where Syrian regulars and rebels led by Muslim Brotherhood militants have been fighting a bloody battle since Feb. 3. The Syrian news agency SANA quoted Masharka as saying that "life is beginning to return to normal" in Hama, 200 kms north of Damascus.

Meanwhile, in London, *The Financial Times* said Wednesday that Syrian troops executed 300 men in the embattled city of Hama last Friday as part of an effort by the regime of President Hafez Assad to crush the uprising there.

Quoting refugees from the city, the daily said in a dispatch from Damascus, "The slaughter of these male survivors of the devastated Hama quarter (of Hama) seems to have been the final act of retribution by the defense forces commanded by Rifaat Assad, the brother of the Syrian president."

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Prince Sultan says

Remaining F-15 planes may arrive in 3 months

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan said Wednesday that he hoped the remaining shipment of the F-15 aircraft from the United States will be delivered within three months in accordance with a programmed plan and the interests and absorbing capacity of the Kingdom's Air Force.

Prince Sultan was speaking after attending a graduation ceremony for the 21st group of pilots and technicians at King Faisal Air Academy. A demonstration of military maneuvers was carried out by F-15, Bac-167 and Cessna-172 squadrons. After the maneuvers, academy students and Saudi Arabian F-15 pilots were greeted by Prince Sultan.

He said the exhibition of flying skills shown by Saudi Arabian pilots flying the F-15 plane

Envoy hails Kingdom

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Italian Ambassador to the Kingdom Marcello Sallimei hailed Saudi Arabia's international policy and described it as "wise and mature" since it takes into consideration the prime interests of the whole world. The statement was carried by *Al-Bilad* Wednesday.

ness nullifies rumors that the Kingdom cannot grasp the sophisticated aircraft. Expressing pleasure on the graduation of the new group, Prince Sultan said that "the youth we just saw and their colleagues piloted the aircraft from the United States."

The minister was received at the academy by Gen. Muhammad Saleh Al-Hammad, chief of the general staff; Lt. Gen. Muhammad Sabri, Air Force commander; Col. Mansour Abdullah Al-Jawini, King Faisal air academy commander; and senior officers of the Armed Forces. The event was also attended by Interior Minister Prince Naif and interior ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states.

Prince Sultan inspected the guard of honor at the academy before Col. Jaawini addressed the guests welcoming Prince Sultan and the interior ministers of the Gulf states. The academy trains its students to operate war planes, but more important is the fact that it concentrates on the divine principles of Islam to produce pilots and technicians which form a power ready to fight enemies of God and the nation, he said.

Saudi Arabian students are trained side by side with their colleagues from Arab and fri-



Prince Sultan

endly countries bound by their common religious faith. The academy is a model for cooperation among the students of those countries, the commander said. Graduates of the academy now form the backbone of our air force, he added.

Pilots and technicians of the Third Squadron volunteered to take part in the ceremony using the newly acquired F-15 planes, Jaawini said. He called on Saudi Arabian youth to join military service, to take advantage of the opportunities opened by the government and the huge military cities, hospitals, academies, institutes and other installations.

Yamani returns from Kuwait

Information parley approves Saudi papers

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani returned here Wednesday from Kuwait after attending the seventh conference of Gulf information ministers which concluded Tuesday night. Dr. Yamani, with the other heads of the delegation to the conference, was received by Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah.

The conference members approved a study submitted by the Kingdom's delegation on an open university project. The ministers also approved the proposed operational plan for the university which will pursue an open education system to be broadcast by Gulf television stations.

Yamani was requested to further study the project with Gulf education ministers and to follow up the steps of its implementation in coordination with the Arab Gulf Education Bureau based in Riyadh. The university's operational plan will provide programs to be aired according to the potentials of each member state under the title "the open university."

Another proposal submitted by the Kingdom was considered by the conference. The Saudi Arabian Information Ministry was thanked for preparing a study on a media academy and the conference entrusted the information ministers of the Kingdom and Bahrain with the task of coordinating with Gulf education ministers in including the project to the proposed Gulf University project to be based in Manama.

Two other working papers submitted by

the Saudi Arabian delegation were approved. One involved organizing a Gulf seminar and was submitted to the International Information Relations Committee while the other regarding health care for citizens, was decided upon by asking visual media authorities not to show people smoking on their local television stations.

The conference also decided to hold an extraordinary session for Gulf information ministers to evaluate the activities of Gulf media institutions and departments during the past seven years. Meanwhile, the eighth conference has been scheduled for Abu Dhabi in 1983, provided that an experts meeting precede the conference.

The information ministers began their conference earlier Tuesday under the chairmanship of Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Kuwaiti deputy premier and minister of foreign affairs and information. The opening session approved the meeting's agenda which comprised recommendations of the information experts' committee.

The conference decided to preserve the present status of the Gulf Joint Programs Production Corporation after reviewing two reports on its achievements. The Information Documentation Center's projects for 1982 were approved, stressing the need to complete the Baghdad-based center's requirements for modern technological equipment. The 1981 final accounts and a budget for 1982 were approved while the issue of a permanent headquarters was postponed.

The conference also approved administra-

tive appointments and the 13-million Qatari dinar 1982 budget for the Gulf Folklore Center in Qatar. A five-year operational plan was approved in principle while the center's membership to international institutions was postponed until the center's establishment agreement is endorsed by all member states.

The conference endorsed a project for the Gulf News Agency's transmission network and requested that a study on a comprehensive network, based on satellites, be prepared immediately. The conference reviewed reports by the agency's director and a memo submitted by Iraq to make the Gulf news agency's role more effective.

Yamani was re-elected as chairman of the Riyadh-based Gulf Television Authority, as the conference reviewed a report on the authority's achievements and working plan for 1982.

The conference also allocated 400,000 Kuwaiti dinars for the Petroleum Information Committee's 1982 budget and stressed the need to give adequate coverage to the development plan of Gulf states and their assistance to developing countries.

Transport show makes high sales

RIYADH, Feb. 24 — In two days of trading at the Saudi Transport '82 exhibition sales of more than \$75 million have been forecast by the United States group, according to the organizers Wednesday. The show opened Monday and is to close Thursday.

The exhibition, staged at Al-Dhifa International Expo and organized by Al-Dhifa Exhibition Services, has attracted the world's leading truck manufacturers with an eye on the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan's communications allocation of \$12.63 billion. In addition to commercial vehicles, the exhibition displays light aircraft, railroad equipment and accessories.

American companies landed \$85.5 million worth of orders during the first two days while one organization is said to be bidding for a \$85.1 million contract.

DAF Trucks, a member of the Dutch group at Saudi Transport, has sold a range of their bigger vehicles for \$81.2 million. These will be operating alongside the 900 other DAF trucks already sold to customers in the Kingdom. British Leyland — a comparative newcomer to Saudi Arabia — is showing its massive landtrain trucks in Riyadh for the first time. The company reports \$81.25 million sales on the exhibition's first day with other orders.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mazali will arrive here Saturday on a visit to the Kingdom, during which he will perform the Umrah.

PARIS, (SPA) — Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, chairman of AGFUND, Tuesday signed a \$2 million agreement with UNICEF secretary-general Amado Mukhtar. According to the pact, the Gulf states will contribute the fund needed for the development of news agencies in 20 African states.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, made a stopover here Wednesday on his way home from Oman. He was received and later seen off by Prince Sattam, deputy governor of Riyadh; Sheikh Mansour Al-Khrejji, deputy chief of royal protocol and Sir James Craig, British ambassador to the Kingdom.

JEDDAH — Nearly 500 of the 3,102 Korean Muslims in the Kingdom will join in a Friday prayer from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the housing complex, Hyundai Construction and Engineering Company at Kilo 12, Makkah road. Sheikh Amin Attas, undersecretary for pilgrimage and endowments; Sheikh Hassan Kutbi, former minister of pilgrimage and endowments and Sheikh Omar Kamel, president of Korean Islamic education center will take part, a press release said Wednesday.

SANAA, (SPA) — North Yemen's Deputy Premier Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani received Sheikh Tarad Al-Harthi, the Kingdom's ambassador here Wednesday. They discussed ways and means of further developing bilateral relations.

RIYADH, (SPA) — The first phase of the development of Qasr Al-Hukm area here has been put under implementation. An official spokesman of the project said Tuesday that all shopowners in the area of jewelry markets south of Qasr Al-Hukm must evacuate completely by Feb. 28 at the latest, when electricity and other services will be cut off from the area.

RIYADH — Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Standard Oil of California (Chevron) George M. Keller will

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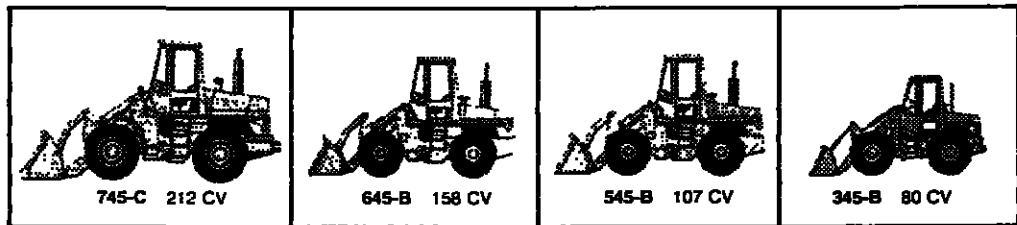
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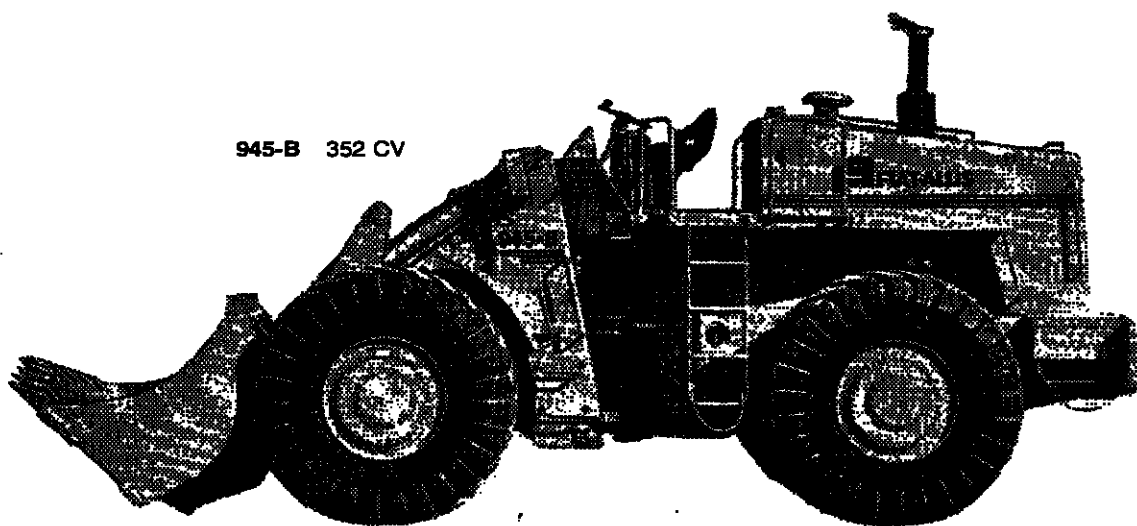
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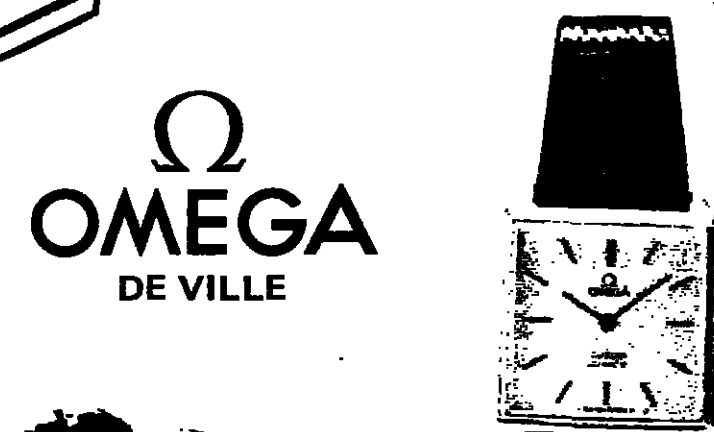
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SR631.4m contracts let for networks

DAMMAM, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Two contracts worth SR631.4 million were signed here Wednesday for the drainage and drinking water network projects in Dammam and Baqiyah. The contracts were signed by Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhail, Eastern Province municipal and rural affairs director general.

The first contract, worth SR513.77 million, will provide for implementing drainage and water networks for Jiluwiya, Abu Rasheed and zones 75 and eight in Dammam. Work is expected to be completed in 36 months. The second contract will provide for similar networks for the town of Baqiyah at a cost of SR99.67 million. It is expected to be completed in 34 months.

Shuhail said the two projects will save the areas they cover from overflowing of sewage water and accumulation of storm water, in addition to providing sufficient quantities of fresh water. The projects, supervised by the Municipal and Rural Affairs Directorate, are part of a series awarded by the subcommittee chaired by Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi. Other projects commissioned by the subcommittee include beautification, drainage, water connections and buildings for municipalities for several villages and towns.

Shuhail said that these projects are the result of the government's efforts to develop the towns and rural areas in the Eastern Province.

Sri Lanka seeks more job chances

By Habib Rahaman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 — Muhammad Hanifa Muhammad, Sri Lanka's minister of transport and religious affairs, visited Saudi Arabia last week to seek more job opportunities for Sri Lankans in the Kingdom. Muhammad Royal Thassim, Sri Lanka's ambassador here, told Arab News that the conditions of Muslims in Sri Lanka, Islamic activities, the rehabilitation of mosques and schools and the promotion of Arabic were included in the minister's talks with Saudi officials. As a gift from President Jayewardene, 30 saplings of cardamom were planted at the Royal Palace gardens in Taif. A cardamom expert came with the minister to supervise the planting.

In June last year, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka established diplomatic relations. Sri Lanka earns its foreign exchange through the export of spices, tea, coconuts and through tourism.

The minister's visit was also aimed at promoting tourism. In this connection, the ambassador mentioned the lack of direct air service to the island. He said that talks are in progress between Saudi and Air Lanka, the

Kingdom, Iraq reach two border protocols

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Two protocols organizing border authority, irrigation and transport between Saudi Arabia and Iraq were signed here Wednesday. The protocols are supplementary to the border demarcation agreement signed between the two countries in January.

Interior Minister Prince Naif and Iraqi Interior Minister Saadoun Shaker signed the protocols. They will organize the work and cooperation between border authorities of the two countries in addition to entry and exit of citizens of both countries, especially regarding herding. Prince Naif said after the signing.

He described the protocols as an achievement reflecting the good understanding and

Import of offensive goods banned

DAMMAM, Feb. 24 (SPA) — The import of goods carrying photos and writings contrary to the Islamic faith has been banned, according to a circular of the Eastern Province's Chamber of Commerce and Industry sent to all traders and importers in the region, recently.

The circular referred to a letter of the Commerce Ministry's undersecretary for supply, who had mentioned the royal directive, intimated through Interior Minister Prince Naif and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Al-Solaim. According to the directive, merchants who are found in possession of such commodities will be fined and awarded a prison term ranging from 10 days to three

months. This is the minimum penalty provided for in article 147 of the Kingdom's commercial regulations issued under royal order No. 32 of 13/11/350H, the circular said.

In addition, the penalty will include the publication of the names of those merchants who possess such kinds of merchandise in the black list. Their imports will be strictly scrutinized and they will be deprived of import in the future in case of recurrence of such an activity, it added.

The circular said further that inspectors from the commerce ministry will undertake inspection rounds periodically to ensure the absence of such goods from the markets. Meanwhile, the chamber has urged all traders to stop importing such goods or to deal in such commodities on which the Quranic verses are written or which carry pictures in contravention of the Islamic morals.

national carrier, about the possibility of initiating such a service. Currently, Air Lanka flies to Bahrain.

Last year, Saudi Arabia extended a loan of \$50 million to Sri Lanka for economic development. The loan is repayable over a period of 20 years with a five-year grace period. Royal Thassim said that the loan is being used to improve the water supply and sewage system of Colombo city, the country's capital, and for an electrical power distribution system.

According to Thassim 20,000 Sri Lankan nationals are working in the Kingdom. "Efforts are being made to boost our exports to the Kingdom," he said. The embassy here hopes to attract Saudi Arabians to the island as both tourists and investors.

positive cooperation between the two countries with no obstacle, because they are fully aware of their common interests. The agreement and its supplementary protocols will facilitate and regulate the existing cooperation between the two countries on their common borders, he added.

Shaker also said that the agreements were reached without any difficulties as a result of the two countries' belief in the benefit of cooperation for common interests.

Later Wednesday, Shaker departed from Madinah for home concluding his visit to the Kingdom during which he had attended the extraordinary session of Arab interior ministers held in Riyadh Monday.

Najran project's cornerstone laid

NAJRAN, Feb. 24 (SPA) — The foundation stone for the Najran Central Power Project was laid Wednesday under the auspices of Sheikh Fahd Khaled Al-Sudairi, governor of Najran, and Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, minister of industry and electricity.

The project, which is expected to be completed after three years, will serve more than 25,000 subscribers in nearly 400 villages of the area. The SR214 million project is planned to produce 118 megawatt of electricity, and is one of the central power projects being implemented by the General Electric

ity Corporation to cover the power requirements across the Kingdom.

The project consists of a central power generating plant with five gas turbine units estimated to produce nearly 100 megawatt of electricity. A network of 132 kilovolts of power lines will branch off from this plant, stretching into 400 kms. In addition, four main transformer plants will be installed to provide a link with subsidiary power stations.

The first phase of the project will be handed over within 22 months after the work has begun.



(Photo by Muhammad Ibrahim)

SANWAR: The name as it has been given to this beautiful work done by Saudi Arabia's well-known artist Abdul Halim Rizwi. The jar-like piece is 190 cms long and is made of local marble, with the Quranic inscription on it. The picture was taken before the Sanwar was taken from the artist's place to be installed at one of the squares in Jeddah.

Team to depart for Taipei meeting

JEDDAH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Members of the Saudi Cultural Committee led by Dr. Mahmoud Safer, undersecretary for higher education, leave for Taipei Thursday to take part in the third session of the Saudi-Chinese Joint Commission for cultural cooperation, beginning there after two days.

The commission meets once a year to discuss matters connected with cultural and technical cooperation between the two countries.

Meetings will also deal with the settlement of matters concerning the university students and the exchange of students among the Saudi and Chinese universities.

Gulf, Peninsula table tennis

Faisal to open championship

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — President of Youth Welfare Prince Faisal bin Fahd will open here Thursday the table tennis championship for the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula.

The championship, which lasts until March 6, will be attended by national teams from Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, North and South Yemen, in addition to the Kingdom.

The participant countries have been divided into two groups. Group I comprises Saudi Arabia (A), South Yemen, Bahrain and Kuwait, while Group II includes the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, North Yemen and Saudi Arabia (B).

Prince Faisal will also dedicate Tuesday the fourth modern Saudi arts exhibition at the Presidency of Youth Welfare here. Abdul Rahman Al-Aleq, cultural affairs director, said that the exhibition will last 10 days, during which a large number of national artists

will display 250 works. The demonstrations will include paintings, photography and other applied arts which reflect the environment and traditions of the Kingdom. The exhibition will also display a contemporary concept and photograph of the deserts and urban boom. The presidency has allocated SR130,000 as prizes and incentives. In addition, participants will be granted certificates, Aleq said.

In another development, Malaysian Youth and Sports Minister Dr. Dato Mokhtar Hasbani will arrive here on a five-day visit at the invitation of Prince Faisal. The Malaysian minister will hold talks with Prince Faisal on promoting youth and sports relations between the two countries.

Hasbani will perform the Umrah and visit the Prophet's mosque in Madinah. He will also inspect sports installations in the Kingdom.

Harakan, U.S. Muslim group confer

MAKKAH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, Wednesday met with Sheikh Ali Ahmad, chairman of the Islamic center of Philadelphia and his delegation, now on a visit to the Kingdom.

The two sides discussed a number of matters connected with the propagation of Islam in the United States and the expansion of the Islamic community school in Philadelphia, to enable it to absorb 9,000 students in the next academic year. The MWL has agreed to help the project. Meanwhile, Harakan has been

Zamil to attend joint pact signing

RIYADH, Feb. 24 (SPA) — Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil, vice-chairman of the Saudi Arabian basic industries corporation (SABIC), left here Wednesday for Bahrain to attend the signing of the main contract, for the petrochemical complex of the Gulf Petrochemicals Company.

The company, owned by the Kingdom, Bahrain and Kuwait, will build the petrochemicals complex at a cost of SR1 billion to produce methanol and other products relying on the natural gas resources of Bahrain.

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invited to attend the functions connected with the seventh anniversary of the school.

On the other hand, Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Saqqa, MWL's assistant secretary general, Wednesday met with Dr. Abdul Malik Abdullah Al-Jali, secretary general of religious and endowments affairs in Sudan, and his delegation. They discussed various aspects of cooperation between the MWL and the Higher Council for Islamic Affairs in Sudan, particularly in regard to the publication of the Holy Quran.

Following the meeting Saqqa stated that half a million copies of the Holy Book have been distributed in different parts of Sudan and a number of teachers have been appointed to impart religious education at the expense of the league. He said that studies are being carried out on religious schools in Sudan, to enable them to carry out their message in as best a manner as possible.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:52	3:25	3:11	3:35	4:04
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Lebanon wants urgent action

U.N. told of Israeli invasion plan

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (AP) — Lebanese Ambassador Ghassan Tuani, citing "Israeli threats to re-invade Lebanon," called on the U.N. Security Council Tuesday for action to prevent "a frail and volatile ceasefire from becoming yet another prelude to death and destruction."

Tuani seemed to be harking back to deadly Israeli air raids on Palestinian positions in Lebanon last July, including a strike against Beirut July 18. He spoke as the 15-nation council met to take up his government's request, backed by U.N. officials, for the addition of 1,000 troops to the 6,000-member U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. The meeting went on for an hour and was adjourned Wednesday.

U.S. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick told reporters the Soviet delegation had asked for time to get instructions from Moscow on what kind of council action to support. She said the council president, Sir Anthony Parsons of Britain, hoped to conclude the debate by Thursday. He had said earlier that he expected a resolution to be turned in Wednesday and come to a vote Thursday.

Soon after convening, the council granted

Jordan's request that the Palestine Liberation Organization be allowed to participate in the debate with the same privileges as if it were a U.N. member country. The vote on the request was 11-1 with three abstentions. Britain, France and Japan abstained. The United States voted against the motion.

Tuani said enlarging the U.N. force would increase its strength and credibility and encourage use of all its means to cope with "all acts of violence that prevent it from carrying out its mandate...in the totality of its area of operations, up to the internationally-recognized boundaries."

He said Lebanon was asking the council to act for full Israeli withdrawal, reinstatement of the 1949 armistice agreement, quantitative and qualitative improvement of the capabilities of the U.N. force and a gradual transfer of its responsibilities to the Lebanese army.

In his speech, Tuani did not amplify his references to Israeli invasion threats. But he told reporters after the council meeting, "It's not a question of whether Israel will invade but when." He said one camp in Israel favored invading Lebanon before April 25

and another favored invading it after that date, when Israel is to complete military withdrawal from Egypt's Sinai.

Washington administration sources said Jan. 20 that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had written to U.S. President Ronald Reagan that Israel would not attack Lebanon without "clear provocation."

Jordanian Ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh, addressing the council Tuesday, spoke of an "Israeli occupation" of the enclave, where Israeli military personnel are known to turn up. He said the object of the occupation was to uproot Palestinian refugees and Lebanese citizens living there and use the area as a springboard from which to annex all south Lebanon and steal the waters of the Litani River.

"Israel's determination to exact the last drop of blood as well as the last drop of water from the millions of people in the area," he declared, "is an integral and inseparable part of Israeli strategy to cannibalize and depopulate these historic and great lands and their peoples."

Nuseibeh, expressing sympathy for Palestinian refugees now living in Lebanon, said "they want to go back to their lands and family homes."

Clovis Maksoud, Arab League's U.N. observer, told the council it was meeting in the calm of a ceasefire but under the cloud of an invasion. He accused Mrs. Kirkpatrick of seeking to deny the representative nature of the PLO and Israel of trying to "settle big accounts in a small territory."

Evren arrives in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Feb. 24 (AP) — Gen. Kenan Evren arrived in Sofia Wednesday for the first visit by a Turkish head of state to neighboring Bulgaria.

Before his departure, Evren told reporters in Ankara that "this visit proves the willingness of Turkey to maintain and develop good relations with all the countries of the world." Turkey is a member of NATO and Communist Bulgaria belongs to the Warsaw Pact.

Foreign ministry official accompanying Evren said discussions during the three-day visit would center on bilateral issues.

The two neighbors have smooth relations and developing economic ties. But one problem is the presence of a nearly one-million-strong Turkish ethnic minority in Bulgaria. Turkish newspapers frequently report alleged harassment of this minority by Bulgarian officials and Evren is expected to ask for easier emigration opportunities for the repatriation of ethnic Turks.

Turkish Foreign Ministry sources also noted that Bulgaria may ask Turkey to support a nuclear arms free zone in the Balkans.

Mayors say Israel grabs W.Bank lands fraudulently

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — Arab mayors in the occupied West Bank have charged that Israel was trying to buy up the area through fraudulent land deals.

The mayors of Nablus, Tulkarem, Kalkilya and Anabta, said in a letter read at a press conference Tuesday that Israel had "given a free hand to Israeli land speculators to use immoral means to purchase properties in the occupied area." The press conference was called by the League for Civil Rights.

A spokesman for the Israeli occupation administration admitted that there had been many such fraudulent deals. Felicia Langer, a lawyer who frequently represents Palestinians in the courts, told the press conference that land was often acquired by fraud and the deals were usually approved by the occupation authorities.

Ahmad Halil Daam, of Kafar Hija village, told reporters his signature had been forged and his identity papers stolen by Israeli speculators to carry out the fraudulent sale of his land.

Abdul Ahmad Yusuf of Beit Amin village said his land had been obtained by Israelis on the basis of a fraudulent deed. An Israeli spokesman admitted the occupation authorities had "checked complaints of fraud and found they could be supported by the facts."

Jatoi says Zia made offer of premiership

KARACHI, Feb. 24 (AP) — Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, former chief minister of Sind province and chairman of the Sind Provincial People's Party, has conditionally accepted an offer to become martial law prime minister. It was reported Tuesday.

In an interview with the Urdu daily *Nawai Waqt* Jatoi was reported to have said he had been offered the position by President Gen. Zia ul-Haq in Sept. 1980. He told *Nawai Waqt* according to the interview, that he discussed the offer with his friends and finally decided to accept it on condition that the central government be beefed up with additional provincial ministries, that military courts be abolished, that general elections be scheduled, press freedom be restored and that political prisoners be released.

There was no immediate comment from the martial law authorities whether the premiership had been offered to Jatoi.

BRIEFS

LAHORE (R) — Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan and his Pakistani-born wife, Princess Sarvath, arrived Wednesday from India for an eight-day visit to Pakistan. They were received at Lahore Airport by President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq and his wife. Zia and Hassan are to discuss bilateral relations and review the international situation during the visit.

PARIS (AFP) — The trial of five men charged in connection with attempted murder here of former Iranian Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar in July 1980 opens here Thursday. Bakhtiar, 67, the last prime minister under the late Shah, escaped unharmed when three armed men, posing as reporters, attempted to break into his home, in the Paris suburbs. But a woman neighbor and a policeman guarding him were killed and another woman and two more policemen were wounded in the attack.

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Foreign Minister Javier Arias Stella said Tuesday relations with Israel were not damaged by Peru's vote in the United Nations against the annexation of the Golan Heights. Arias said he had talked with Israeli Ambassador Gideon Tadmor on Monday and the diplomats reaffirmed their countries' common interests.

Numeiri shelves plans for dividing south Sudan

KHARTOUM, Feb. 24 (R) — Sudanese President Jaffar Numeiri has apparently shelved plans for a referendum on a controversial proposal to divide the country's southern region into two or three smaller areas, according to members of the Sudanese National People's Assembly.

The proposal had threatened to stir tribal differences in the region, which won a considerable degree of autonomy from the Khartoum government in 1972 after a civil war lasting 17 years. In a speech to the opening session of the assembly in Khartoum Monday, President Numeiri called on southern leaders to try to resolve their differences and reach a compromise on decentralization. But the objective, he said, should be to "consolidate decentralization in southern Sudan within one region."

He told the assembly the civil war in the southern region was still remembered, adding: "We shall not allow a replay of that bloody history." The 52-year-old leader helped end the conflict after taking control of Africa's largest state in 1969.

The president paved the way for a referendum last October when he dismissed the regional government and appointed a transitional administration. This government would be in power for six months to prepare for the referendum and maintain a strictly neutral stance, the president said.

The idea of dividing up the semi-autonomous region, which contains vast areas of forest, savannah and swamp around the Upper Nile, was proposed by the area's former President and Civil War Commander Joseph Lagu. North Sudan has already been divided into five regions, and some informed sources believed the president considered division of the south into two or three smaller units to be a natural next step. But some southern leaders regarded the proposal with suspicion, believing it might be an attempt by Khartoum to weaken the south.

They saw the plan as a fresh attempt by the Arabic-speaking north to dominate the predominantly black southerners and break the power of the main tribe in the region, the Dinkas.

Last December, a group of 21 southern politicians who sent a letter to the president questioning the legality of dividing the south

Security danger denied

Mubarak releases 163 detainees

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday ordered the release of 163 detainees, including three Christian Coptic priests, on grounds they no longer represent a security danger, the Middle East News Agency reported.

The released were detained six months ago by the late President Anwar Sadat as part of a crackdown on religious extremists and political opponents that netted 1,536 persons. The latest batch brings to 563 the number of persons Mubarak ordered released since he came to power following Sadat's assassination last October. The assassins are currently under trial by a military court.

No explanation was made as to why the authorities thought the released no longer



Jaffar Numeiri

were arrested for forming a "council for the unity of southern Sudan," a move said to be illegal under the country's one-party system. Most of the 21 were later released, but five are still being held in Khartoum's Kober Prison.

President Numeiri said Monday elections for the southern region's assembly will take place in April and that he had decided to end the mandate of the transitional government. He told the assembly the transitional government will prepare the way for a dialogue between those for and against division of the southern region. This is so they can agree the method "which can consolidate decentralization in the southern Sudan within one region and so that harmony, unity and fraternity can return to the people of the south to enable them to participate in building their country."

Sudanese assembly members said Tuesday Numeiri appeared now to have shelved the referendum proposal. They said any decentralization would be carried out within the framework of a unified southern region.

President Numeiri was apparently anxious to avoid any trouble after last month's riots across the country in protest against big rises in the price of sugar and petrol. The student riots, in which several persons were killed, prompted the president to launch a major shake-up of the leadership of the ruling Socialist Union and dismiss his first Vice-President and Defense Minister Abdul-Magid Hamid Khalil.

constituted a security threat. Health and humanitarian reasons were cited when earlier releases were ordered. An Egyptian court earlier this month suspended Sadat's decree which led to the mass arrests, saying the late president had unnecessarily invoked a provision in the Egyptian constitution that should only be used when the nation faces a "sudden and extreme danger."

The court said this was not the case because Sadat invoked the clause nearly two months after the "alleged" sectarian strife was over. The court said those still under detention should be released immediately. The government did not comment on the ruling although those released Tuesday represented the second batch since the ruling was issued.

Goukouni flees from FAN-held area

KHARTOUM, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Chad's rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN) alleged Wednesday that President Goukouni Oueddei and his Defense Minister Adoum Togo fled with their troops after an attack on the FAN-held town of Oum Hadjer failed last Sunday.

Ndjamena has said that Oum Hadjer fell to troops of the Integrated National Army (ANI) who were pursuing the FAN eastward, but since then, there has been no word from the government side on the progress of its general offensive launched at the weekend.

Two previous government attempts in recent months to roll back the FAN, who now hold large areas of northern and eastern Chad, failed after early reports of success were discounted. A FAN representative in

Khartoum said Wednesday the attack on Oum Hadjer in central Chad had been repulsed, and in the ensuing battle 417 government troops were killed, hundreds wounded and 414 captured.

Following fierce fighting the remaining government troops, led by President Goukouni and Adoum Togo, took "to their heels, leaving their dead and wounded behind," the FAN spokesman said, quoting ANI prisoners. They were pursued westward to Ati, where the FAN gave up the chase "in respect for the African peacekeeping force stationed in the town," he added.

The FAN representative said FAN troops seized 31 light trucks with mounted guns and ammunition, six other vehicles and 360 light weapons.

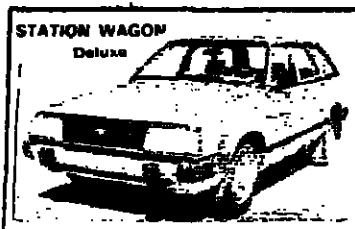
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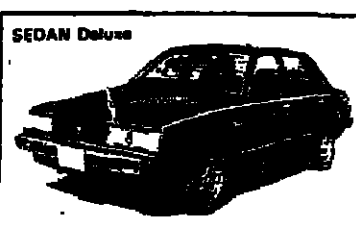
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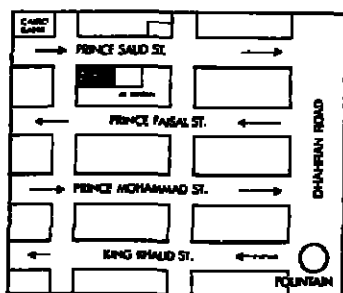
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Shamir rules out talks on self-determination

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a blunt exchange with the Egyptian foreign minister, has ruled out discussion of self-determination in current talks on Palestinian autonomy, Egyptian officials said Wednesday.

They quoted Shamir as saying at a lunch on Tuesday after talks with Egyptian Minister Kamal Hassan Ali: "We must concentrate on topics dealing with the transition period during the (Palestinian) autonomy negotiations. To achieve progress, we must not deal with future status, and accordingly self-determination which would lead to the creation of a state is ruled out."

Egypt argues that the Camp David accords it signed with Israel mean the eventual creation of a Palestinian state, while Israel says only limited autonomy is envisaged in the accords.

"The Camp David accords call for the solution of the problem of Palestinian Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, but not for the creation of a new Palestinian state," Shamir added.

Ali, according to the officials, retorted "You have revealed topics we discussed during a closed session," and Shamir replied "But this is part of the autonomy negotiations."

The semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* said Shamir, who arrived here on Monday, had argued that Palestinians should be granted autonomy similar to the limited self-rule enjoyed by southern Sudan. The Israeli minister is spending Wednesday in southern

Egypt at Luxor and Aswan, and meets President Hosni Mubarak Thursday.

Among the topics Shamir is scheduled to discuss during his visit here is his country's withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula, due to be completed before April 26.

Egypt and Israel are still working out final details of their joint border when Israel withdraws from Sinai. The exact frontier is still undecided at several points.

Egyptian officials said Egypt was not prepared to make any concessions on the border issue. They said Egypt wanted some 500 houses in the north Sinai town of Rafah, which lies astride the border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip, to be demolished to create a frontier strip along the pre-1967 border.

Residents would be given the choice on which side they wanted to live after the Israeli pullout from the territory occupied in the 1967 Middle East war. Israel suggested the town be left intact, leaving it wholly in Egypt or Gaza, but the plan was rejected by Egypt.

In a separate move, Egypt and Israel Tuesday signed an agreement allowing Egypt to buy oil tanks made by Israel at Ras el-Naqab, near the Israeli port of Eilat. The official Middle East News Agency reported that the agreement was reached at a meeting of the joint Egyptian-Israeli military committee held Tuesday.

The two sides agreed Egypt would buy the tanks for \$2.5 million and that they would sign contracts for the purchase of other installations in northern Sinai before the final Israeli pullout from Sinai, the agency added.

Wazzan mulls Lebanese crisis with Zayed

ABU DHABI, Feb. 24 (AP) — The president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan al Nahyan, conferred Wednesday on the Lebanese situation with Lebanese Prime and Interior Minister Shafik Wazzan.

Wazzan arrived from Kuwait after holding similar talks there. He was earlier in Saudi Arabia. The Lebanese premier's tour, also to include Bahrain and Qatar, came amid increasing fears of an imminent Israeli offensive in South Lebanon and calls by rightist Lebanese leaders for abrogating the 1969 Cairo agreement, which regulates the presence of Palestinian commandos in the south.

During his presence in Kuwait Tuesday, the Kuwait parliament voted down a government-sponsored bill to continue financial backing to Syria's 22,000-strong peacekeeping force in Lebanon, which has been policing a fragile ceasefire between rightist and leftist factions.

Deputies against the bill blasted Syrian "excesses" in Lebanon and the current crackdown by the Syrian government against religious extremists in Syria.

Those for the bill said the Lebanese government itself has not asked for withdrawal of the Syrian force and warned that such a withdrawal would detonate a full-scale resumption of the civil war.

To protest bombings

Beirut merchants go on strike

BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (AP) — Most all of the merchants in west Beirut padlocked their stores Wednesday in a protest against car-bomb explosions a day earlier that killed at least 12 persons and wounded more than 30 in a crowded bazaar.

Shopkeepers said the one-day strike was voluntary. A few, though, said gunmen were on the streets forcing retailers to skip the day's business and express solidarity with the merchants of the Rauche bazaar, where the car bombs destroyed at least two dozen cubbyhole stores.

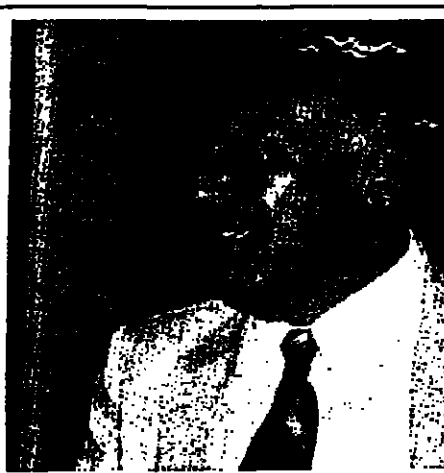
"I am open only for an hour or two. If they (militiamen) pass by, I will close," said Verjan Vanian in his men's clothing shop.

Several sticks of dynamite exploded Wednesday morning near a crowded avenue about a kilometer from Tuesday's blasts in which two French-made Peugeot were packed with dynamite and left to explode.

No one suffered wounds in Wednesday's detonation nor was there an apparent target, although the area on the corniche Al Mazraa was being guarded by the Lebanese Arab Army, a leftist splinter group that broke from the regular army during the 1975-76 civil war.

The car bombings put Beirut further into a state of nervousness as two groups claimed responsibility for the blasts and residents muttered angrily about the twin bombs that exploded just moments apart.

The high casualty count — some unofficial reports said 70 were killed or wounded — is blamed on the fact the first car bomb attracted rescuers and onlookers and the second bomb erupted in their midst. The explosions were four to six minutes apart. "It's a lousy way for anyone to fight," remarked a west



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Over Polisario admission

11 states boycott OAU parley

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 24 (AP) — The Organization of African Unity began Wednesday to consider a budget for the 1982-83 fiscal year, but a dispute over admission of the Polisario Front still simmered.

Secretary-General Edem Kodjo spoke before an audience of delegates depleted by walkouts over the Polisario squabble as he proposed a budget of \$21.8 million, an increase of 11.7 percent over last year's budget of \$19.5 million.

The budget debate, expected to last a couple of days, is always a ticklish topic in an organization which counts among its members 20 of the world's 31 poorest countries. Some member nations owe budget contributions going back as far as 1965.

Three more countries, Niger, Djibouti and Tunisia, announced Wednesday morning they were boycotting the week-long foreign ministers' meeting because of Kodjo's decision to seat the Polisario Front as the 51st OAU member under the name Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.

A total of 11 countries — led by Morocco, which the Polisario Front is fighting for independence of the Western Sahara — have now joined in the Walkout. The meeting opened Monday, but was delayed in the start of its regular business until Wednesday because of the dispute over the Polisario's seating at the formal opening.

The other countries which walked out of the meeting Tuesday night with Morocco were Senegal, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Cameroon, Zaire, Sudan and the Central African

Republic.

A main objection of the boycotting nations was the administrative manner in which Kodjo, of Togo, admitted the Polisario group. Some wanted the issue to be settled at the next OAU summit this summer in Tripoli, Libya.

The OAU charter provides that the secretary-general can admit a new member upon receiving the approval of a simple majority of the existing members. Twenty-six countries had already given diplomatic recognition to the Polisario, so Kodjo maintains he acted within the charter.

But the charter also says that "any independent sovereign African" state can seek OAU membership. Morocco and other countries argued that the Polisario Front is not sovereign or independent and certainly not a country.

Botswana Foreign Minister Archie Mogwe, chairman of the Addis Ababa meeting, Wednesday formally welcomed the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic to the OAU and jokingly said he would welcome its contributions to the organization's budget.

Kodjo told the delegates that for the 1981-82 fiscal year only 10 member countries paid anything to the \$19.5-million budget. He said their contributions totaled only about \$4 million or some 20 percent of the budget. The secretary-general added that as of May 31, 1981, budget contributions owing to the body amounted to \$16 million stretching back to 1965.

First meeting since 1974

Qaddafi confers with Bourguiba

TUNIS, Feb. 24 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi met President Habib Bourguiba in Tunis Wednesday in their first encounter since the two leaders fell out over an unsuccessful attempt to merge their two countries in 1974.

Accompanied by Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mzali and other ministers who had met him earlier, he was welcomed at Tunis railway station by Interior Minister Driss Guiga and Mayor Zakaria Ben Moustapha.

Col. Qaddafi, who arrived by road in southern Tunisia Tuesday at the start of his official

visit, was driven straight to President Bourguiba's palace in the Tunis suburb of Narthage.

Hundreds of spectators gathered at the station to watch the arrival of the Libyan leader who was accompanied by 10 female bodyguards armed with pistols and wearing battle dress, as well as dozens of plainclothes security men.

The projected merger of Tunisia and Libya, failed when Bourguiba rejected the agreement shortly after signing it in January, 1974, saying he had been misled by his foreign minister whom he dismissed.

Saleh arrives in Jordan for talks

AMMAN, Feb. 24 (R) — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived here Wednesday from Bahrain for two days of talks with King Hussein and senior Jordanian government officials. North Yemeni Embassy sources said his talks are expected to cover bilateral relations and ways of restoring Arab solidarity.

Saleh's visit is part of a tour which has

already taken him to Oman, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. He also plans to visit Iraq, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

In Manama, Saleh agreed in talks with the Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, that continued disputes between Arab countries "will only benefit the enemies of the Arab nation, foremost of which is the Zionist enemy (Israel)" he said.

Begin's offer for coalition gets cool reply from Labor

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin Wednesday revived his offer of a coalition government with the opposition Labor Party but Labor indicated no enthusiasm for the idea.

Most political observers believe there is little chance for Labor to join Begin, but the possibility has received a wave of public comment recently as some signs of strain started to show in Begin's slender coalition.

His Likud Bloc and three small coalition partners have only 61 or the 120 seats in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and Begin could lose his majority if one of the partners bolted in a dispute over policy.

Begin mentioned the so-called "national unity" coalition in a letter to Labor Party leader Shimon Peres that chided Labor for refusing Begin's suggestion of a bipartisan information campaign. Begin had invited Labor to join Likud Knesset members to go to the United States to explain Israel's objections to U.S. arms sales to Jordan. Labor refused the suggestion, saying it would be tantamount to a decision to join a national unity coalition.

In a "dear Shimon" letter, Begin said Labor had nothing to fear from a national unity coalition. "I have suggested, and I suggest again the setting up of a national unity government," Begin wrote, according to a text broadcast on Israel radio.

The prime minister cited Labor's support of the Camp David Mideast peace accords and said "we can work together" during the five-year transition period envisioned in the Camp David accords for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Peres made no immediate comment. Labor's Abba Eban, the former foreign minister, said he personally opposed the idea. "What the head of government is asking is for the opposition to self-destruct," Eban said on Israel radio.

Labor itself has internal problems, and its leftist Mapam wing says it would bolt Labor if the party joined Begin. Labor's 48 Knesset seats would give Begin a huge majority. Such wide governments have been formed in Israel in the past during wartime or postwar emergencies, but not in peacetime.

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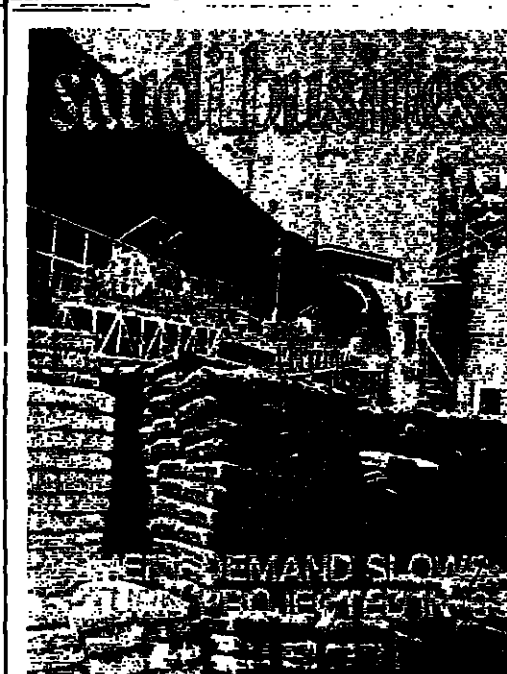
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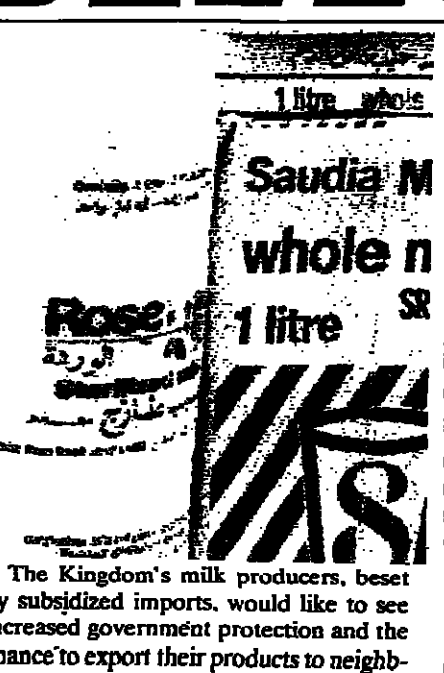
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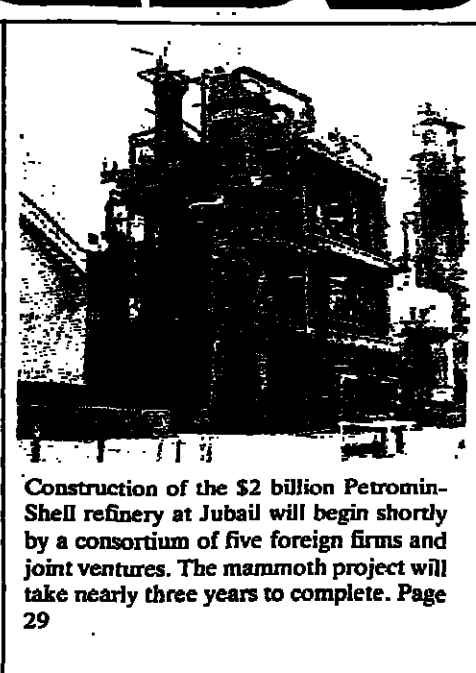
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GCC'S GOALS

Interior Minister Prince Naif modestly voiced the goals of the Gulf Cooperation Council interior ministers when he said their key desire was to "look for peace and tranquility, non-interference in the affairs of others, respect of others and the realization of the desire of the region's people to live in peace."

While the decision by the GCC interior ministers to sign a comprehensive security agreement between its members follows Prince Naif's desire, it goes far beyond that and should be emphasized as an important step which, when carried out, could result in a multitude of long-range benefits.

First and foremost, of course, are the obvious immediate results which have been reinforced by the interior ministers themselves, that even now, any infringement upon the internal security of any GCC member will be considered as an action against the council as a whole. This "all-for-one, one-for-all" position in effect warns any foreign power which might have been considering any action which would threaten the sovereignty of any GCC member that such a plan, even before the security agreement is officially in effect, could have dire consequences.

This one action, therefore, has helped to strengthen the Arab world and help ensure peace in the Middle East while other more permanent measures are being prepared. At the same time, after the recent attempt by subversives to cause trouble in Bahrain, it guarantees that anyone who has such motives will think twice or turn elsewhere.

The GCC is to be commended for its progress, made in such a short time, and in many areas. This latest decision on the part of the GCC interior ministers could not only have merit and meaning to its members — Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman — but could lead to the unification of the Arab nation. If such an agreement can work between these six states, then its operation could also allow all the Arab nation to see that such an agreement would be of great benefit to them.

Saudi Arabian press review

The need for reinforcing Gulf security after the meeting of the interior ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and the proposed meeting to be held in occupied Arab Jerusalem by the Political Committee of the European Council in May, were the main topics for editorial comment in Wednesday's newspapers.

On Gulf security, *Al-Riyadh* said it is the responsibility of the whole Arabian Gulf countries. The paper called for the establishment of a strong collective Gulf front capable of "encountering the existing dangers and ambitious designs threatening this strategic part of the world."

Referring to the security cooperation agreements signed by the Kingdom, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, the paper said the accords reflect "the genuine desire of the Arab Gulf states to pool their capabilities for defending their territories against foreign destructive ideologies and threats spearheaded by the Iranian regime which has unveiled its vicious ambitions and hatred to the Arabian Gulf people in collaboration with the Zionist entity."

It called for the creation of a deterrent Gulf security force to face such dangers and preserve the

sovereignty and integrity of the region.

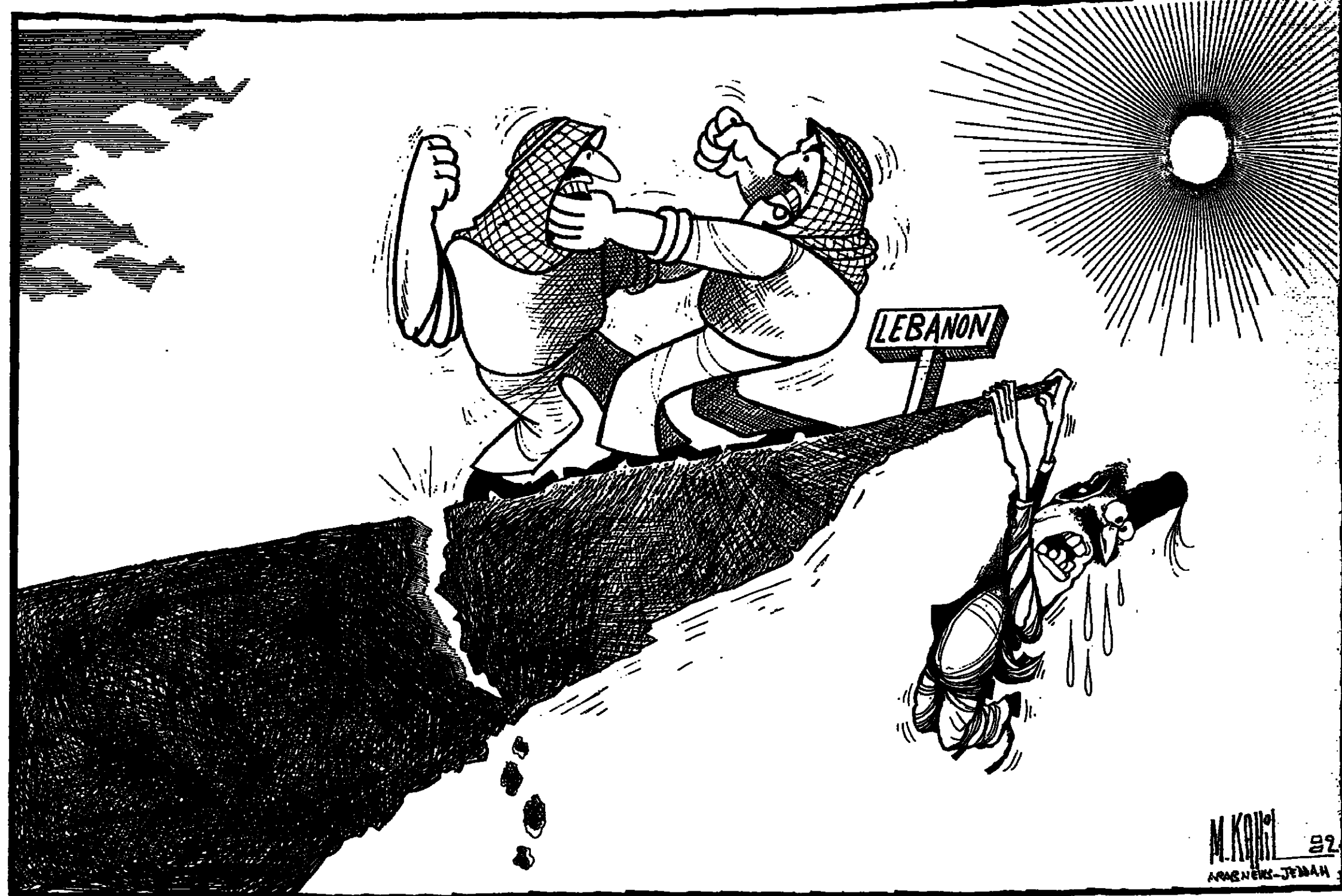
Al-Jazirah said the Gulf security is an integral part of the Arab nation's security. Referring to the GCC interior ministers' meeting, the paper stressed that Gulf security is a completion of the Arab one.

"The GCC is not an isolated regional treaty as anti-Arab powers claim, but a vital part of the whole Arab world," it said.

The paper observed that Gulf security is of vital importance "since the strategic position and the huge natural resources of the region have made it a target for regional and international malicious ambitions and conspiracies."

Okaz described the current GCC interior ministers' meeting as a gigantic step for laying down a strong foundation for a joint Gulf security cooperation to ensure protection and stability for the Gulf people.

Dealing with the decision of the Political Committee of the European Council to hold its meeting in the occupied Arab Jerusalem, *Al-Nadwa* said the Kingdom's warning to the Europeans against holding such a meeting there reflects the Kingdom's keenness to preserve the Arab status of Jerusalem. (SPA)



Is it too late to stop the drift to war in Mideast?

By Lord Caradon

"It being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine."

So said the Balfour Declaration in 1917. But now we have come to a stage when a leading article in the *Guardian* newspaper speaks of Israeli policy as "an expansionist movement which is eliminating the last traces of Palestinian rights," and goes on to say "There cannot be much doubt that the permanent subjugation and emigration of the Palestinians in the West Bank is now Israel's aim."

Such conclusions raise urgent, searching questions. How did the progressive betrayal of the Balfour promise to the Palestinians take place? Is the Israeli policy of colonialization and annexation to continue? Is the persecution of the Palestinians to be carried to the extent of the subjugation and expulsion of the whole people to whom the Balfour promise was made?

And such questions lead on to the most important question of all, the question whether all hopes of a lasting peace in the Middle East must be abandoned.

As Mayor Elias Freij recently said, "In ten years Israel will have successfully Judaized the West

Bank and talk of a Palestinian state will be meaningless. There will be nothing left for us."

These questions demand urgent answers.

Is it already too late?

Is there no way to stop the drift to war?

Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz says that continuation of present Israeli policies will "not only mean the moral degeneration of Israel but a war to the finish not between Israel and two or three million Palestinians but between Israel and the entire Arab world."

Worse still, the United States continues to encourage Israeli policies by providing massive supplies of money and arms. Meanwhile, the Arab and Muslim world is uneasily, and sometimes unwillingly, turning for help to the Soviet Union. So the struggle between Israel and the Arabs could escalate into a worldwide confrontation and conflict in which both East and West would be involved and everyone would dreadfully suffer, most of all the Israelis and the Palestinians.

These are not new dangers. Already the delays of past decades have taken all concerned far down the slope to the precipice of war. So the biggest remaining question of all is whether it is already too late.

The ultimate conflict may be preceded by preliminary violence on both sides including other Israeli attacks on Lebanon or Syria, but the terrifying fact is that already the drift to a major war, and the

action which makes it in the end inevitable, has gone so far that it is difficult to see how it can be stopped let alone reversed.

So as we read the signposts to vast disaster what can be done now? We should not be deluded by talk of pursuing the Camp David process of alleged autonomy for the Palestinians, while their lands are being taken from them for Israeli settlements and Israeli military outposts. The Israelis have tried to contend that the promised "full autonomy" should apply to people not to territory (for the simple reason that intend to annex the territory) — a formula to give "the benefit of annexation without the cost, indeed adding insult to annexation. The pathetic figure of poor Sol Linowitz was brought back to the stage. He was employed by the previous United States administration to talk optimistically about progress in the autonomy talks while they remained in total deadlock. He now returns to tell us that "no insoluble problems stand in the way" of progress between Israel and Egypt on Palestinian self-rule. But no one believes him, least of all President Mubarak who insists that the Palestinians must be consulted on their own future.

It is surely necessary to look at the whole problem again realizing that peace cannot be achieved and Israel can never be secure if it relies on subjugation of the Palestinians and military confrontation with its neighbors.

Is there still an alternative? Is it too late for another international initiative? Maybe. But everyone involved has a obligation to stop and think again.

First, it is surely essential that a new initiative should be international. The antagonisms and fears of the two sides are too deep-seated to allow agreement one with the other in direct negotiation, or as a result of intervention by East or West alone.

Second, it follows that for security in a lasting peace both the United States and the Soviet Union must participate in the settlement, and it is important and encouraging to remember that not so long ago (in October 1977) the two superpowers were prepared to make an agreed joint statement of policy based on the unanimous Security Council Resolution 242 of 1967. The basic principles of self-determination for the Palestinians and security for Israel, one dependent on the other, have long won world wide support.

The adverse circumstances of the present situation are all too obvious. The Israeli government is pressing on with policies of aggressive provocation. The Arab and Muslim world is divided mainly by reactions to the Iraq-Iran war, relations between the two superpowers are adversely affected by the Russian policies in Afghanistan and Poland, and American obsession with cold war rivalry.

But it is in no one's interest that the Middle East should degenerate into violent chaos and destruction, and the very seriousness of other existing disputes and confrontations in the world is a powerful argument in favor of an independent and impartial international initiative which can save Israel from its present dangerous isolation and enable the Palestinians in peace to turn to establish their own government in their own country, and save the world from the overwhelming danger of a world war. There still may be time.

And a comfort moreover after so long to pay regard at last to the Balfour undertaking to the Palestinians.

Army indiscipline poses challenge to Rawlings

ACCRA — Flight-Lt. Jerry Rawlings and his revolutionary government are facing the first real test of their authority over Ghana's 12 million people following two weeks of killings and disturbances in major cities.

Since proclaiming a "holy war" against corruption when seizing power on New Year's eve, Flight-Lt. Rawlings has repeatedly appealed to the 12,000 troops who patrol city streets day and night not to commit "barbaric acts" against their superior officers or civilians.

Informed sources say discipline remained high for about a month after the coup with relatively few reports of harassment of traders, foreigners and declared "enemies of the revolution" and with soldiers who misbehaved being severely punished. But just over a fortnight ago, discipline began to deteriorate, first in the regional capitals, then to a lesser degree in Accra, the sources add.

Military sources say that in the western coastal city of Takoradi, home of the second infantry battalion which suffered heavy losses at the hands of Rawlings' troops on the day of the coup, soldiers rounded up senior officers and summarily executed three of them.

A week later, troops of the Sixth Battalion in Tamale, the northern regional capital, locked up senior officers in the battalion guardroom. Eyewitnesses say at least one officer was executed. Military sources say the ranks are hostile toward their superiors because many officers grew rich on lucrative contracts and import licenses granted by the administration of ousted President Hilla Limann in exchange for loyalty.

Officers cooperated with military intelligence in a campaign to dismiss from the army and in some cases brutalize associates of Rawlings and others deemed to be potential revolutionaries, the sources add.

Since the Tamale and Takoradi incidents, violence has spilled out of the barracks and into the streets. Eyewitnesses said that on Feb. 8 in Kumasi, Ghana's second largest city, an army officer who had interrupted a service at a church was beaten to death by an angry congregation.

The ruling People's National Defense Council (PNDC) had proclaimed Feb. 8 a day of "thanksgiving and prayer for the revolution." The eyewitnesses said the incident set off a chain of violence which threw the city into a panic for almost a week. The next day soldiers dumped the badly-mutilated body near the central market, they said, adding that the market had remained virtually closed for several days with traders afraid to approach the area.

Informed sources say soldiers also shot and killed a policewoman member of the congregation as she lay in a hospital bed recovering from a slight wound received while trying to disarm the officer.

Travelers reaching Accra from Kumasi say shooting was heard throughout the city for four days and that civilians who ventured outside their own neighborhood walked with their hands raised in surrender. They add that the city is now quiet.

The PNDC has ordered an immediate inquiry into other shooting incidents in Kumasi, Cape Coast and Takoradi. Informed sources say that three weeks ago, the bodies of three soldiers and five civilians were found in Takoradi.

PNDC Information Secretary Ato Austin has appealed to soldiers not to shoot at random and PNDC member Alogia Akatopore has said any soldier or policeman who molested civilians would be punished as "an enemy of the revolution." Sources close to PNDC headquarters say the ruling body is concerned that divisions among those who support Rawlings should not be allowed to broaden.

In Accra, civilians generally obey the soldiers, who race through the streets at breakneck speed in armored cars. Streets are quiet as few and fewer traders come to sell near the central "Makola" market, razed by fire more than a month ago.

Eyewitnesses said looting of traders, a feature of Rawlings' four-month first coup in 1979, had begun again as soldiers' patience had run out with traders not obeying PNDC orders to "voluntarily" reduce prices.

Letter to the editor

Clarification

Sir,

The Embassy of Belgium in its capacity as president of the European Economic Community here-with wishes to clarify certain points regarding the forthcoming visit of certain members of the Council of Europe's Consultative Assembly to Jerusalem.

The Council of Europe is an organization completely different from the European Economic Community.

The Council of Europe has 18 members and groups from almost all countries of Western Europe.

The European Economic Community has 10 member states only and has its headquarters in Brussels (Belgium).

The Council of Europe consists of three institutions: the committee of ministers of foreign affairs of the 18 member states; the consultative assembly

which has its seat in Strasbourg (France) and consists of 147 delegates from the parliaments of the 18 member states; and the secretariat in Strasbourg.

The Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe has established within its framework several committees such as the "political committee". It is precisely the latter committee which has taken the decision to meet in Jerusalem next May.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has recently issued a communique stating that the views of members of the Consultative Assembly do not reflect the opinion of the council. This means that in no case the forthcoming visit to Jerusalem may be seen as implying a recognition by the council of Israel's policy.

The Embassy of Belgium wants to stress again that the European Economic Community and the Council of Europe are two different organizations altogether.

Embassy of Belgium,
Jeddah

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 25th, the 56th day of 1982. There are 309 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1545 — Scots defeat English forces at Ancrum Moor.

1570 — England's Elizabeth I is excommunicated by Pope Pius V.

1601 — Britain's earl of Essex is executed for treason.

1713 — Sweden's Charles XII is taken prisoner by sultan of Turkey.

1760 — Robert Clive leaves India to return to England.

1885 — Germany annexes Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

1948 — Communist coup takes place in Czechoslovakia.

1954 — Col. Gamal Abdul Nasser seizes power as premier of Egypt. Syria's President Chikckeli flees following army revolt.

1956 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev goes before Communist Party Congress in Moscow and denounces late Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin.

1969 — Czechoslovak youth set off himself afire in Prague in protest demonstration on 21st anniversary of Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia.

1976 — The United States vetoes United Nations resolution deploring Israel's annexation of Jerusalem.

1978 — The United States cautions the Soviet Union that continued Soviet military involvement in Ethiopia-Somalia conflict could impair Soviet-U.S. relations.

1979 — The Soviet Union attacks U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal's visit to China as "clear encouragement" of Chinese aggression against Vietnam.

1981 — Spanish parliament endorses new cabinet after reconvening session interrupted previous day by attempted coup by civil guards.

Thought for today:

Nothing is ever accomplished by a reasonable man — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born author-playwright (1856-1950).

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In Wood, Holden deaths L.A. coroner accused of revealing too much, living 'Quincy' role

By Ronald Clarke

LOS ANGELES — (R) — As the coroner to the stars on television, Dr. Tito Noguchi is a Japanese-born pathologist who writes the final chapter on the lives of film stars with a flair for publicity a press agent would envy. But Dr. Noguchi, the Los Angeles coroner and the prototype for the television series *Quincy*, has recently been under fire from officials, criticized by actors and had his methods questioned by a leading newspaper.

His critics say Dr. Noguchi, a slight, intense man who speaks English with an accent, has allowed his ego to rule the way he works.

His supporters say he is a brilliant pathologist who upholds what he regards as his duty to give the public the facts. When actress Natalie Wood drowned off Catalina Island, 25 miles southwest of here last November, Dr. Noguchi told a press conference that the actress disappeared from the family yacht after an argument on board.

Dr. Noguchi told reporters the argument was between Miss Wood's husband, actor Robert Wagner, and Christopher Walken. Miss Wood's co-star in her last film, *Brainstorm*.

Miss Wood apparently slipped while trying to board a dinghy and drowned, Dr. Noguchi added.

Asked about the argument on board Walken said abruptly: "I don't recall the coroner being there."

Dr. Noguchi said he had spoken to sheriff's investigators before the press conference, but some investigators denied they had said there was an argument on board. "Maybe Noguchi thought there was an argument," one investigator said.

When William Holden died, Dr. Noguchi told a news conference the actor cut his head "on the edge of a bedside table and tried to stem the bleeding with paper handkerchiefs until he lapsed into unconsciousness."

The Actors Guild, a trade union for actors said Dr. Noguchi had sensationalized the deaths of Miss Wood and Holden.

The Guild sent a letter of protest to the board of supervisors, who is responsible for the coroner's office. The guild spokeswoman, Kim Fellner, complained that Dr. Noguchi

had gone beyond his duty as a coroner by speculating on the circumstances of the deaths. The board unanimously approved a motion ordering Dr. Noguchi to confine himself to facts.

While the death of a public figure is newsworthy, such a tragedy must be treated with dignity and reserve for the deceased," the motion said.

Dr. Noguchi promptly told reporters if he suppressed information available to his office he would become the most dangerous and powerful man in Los Angeles.

But the criticism has not stopped there. The board has ordered an investigation into Dr. Noguchi's office.

Dr. Noguchi's office was also criticized when a college football star, Ron Settles, was found dead in a jail cell after being stopped for speeding.

The local police described his death as a suicide and said he was found hanging in his cell. A coroner's jury ruled Settles had died "at the hands of another."

The deputy district attorney who headed an investigation into Settles' death, said the coroner's office handled the case in an unprofessional manner that led to the loss of evidence, mistakes in doing tests and delays.

He added the coroner's office had since adopted new procedures that made him confident that future jail deaths would be treated in a more professional manner.

A member of Dr. Noguchi's office, which handled 17,000 deaths a year, commented on the Settles case saying "we did whatever we felt we could do."

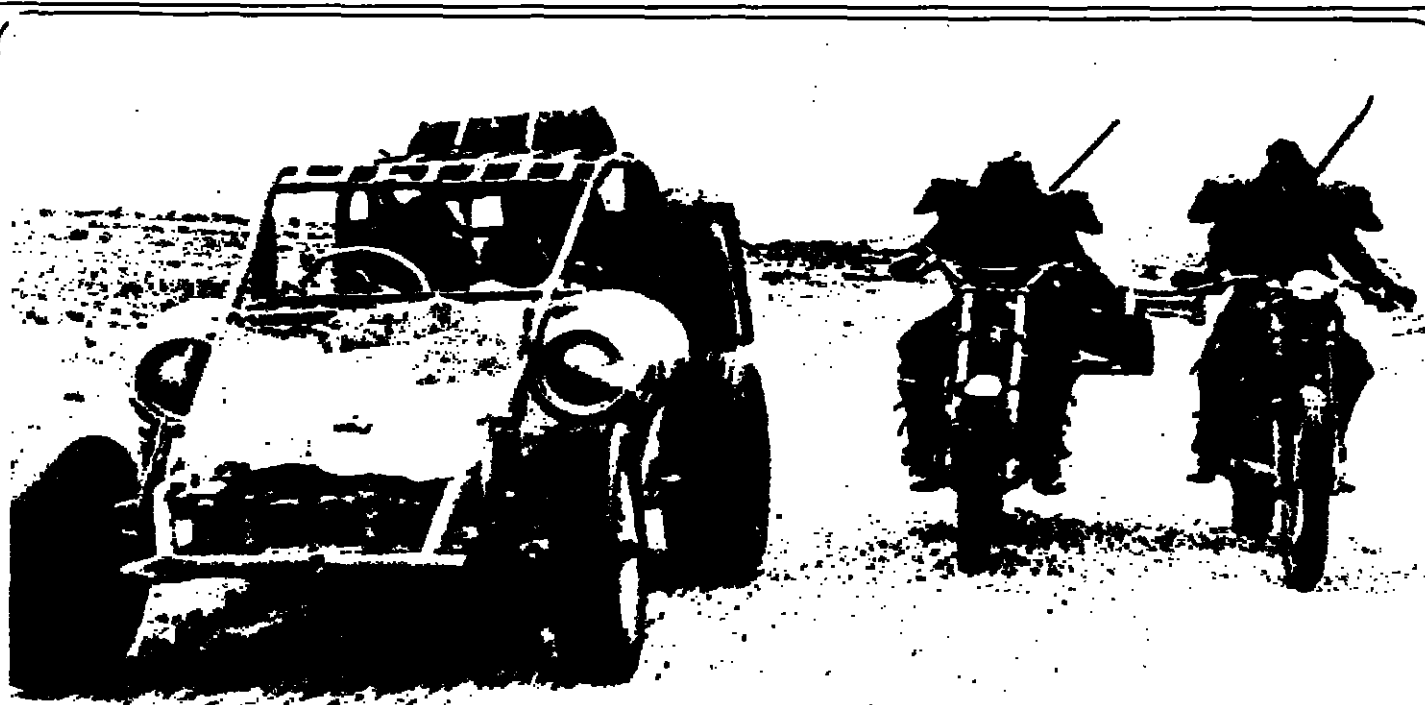
The *Los Angeles Times* published a series of articles criticizing the working of Dr. Noguchi's office and declared in an editorial: "Dr. Noguchi should spend less time on news conferences and more time making sure that his department takes care of medical evidence."

Dr. Noguchi, 54, has so far made little attempt to reply to his critics.

But a member of his office said Dr. Noguchi did not intend to suppress information although he would seek clarification from the board of supervisors if he felt such a step necessary.

Controversy is nothing new for Dr. Noguchi, a naturalized U.S. citizen who came to California from Japan in 1952.

He began work at the coroner's office 10 years later and established a reputation as a hard worker before becoming coroner in 1967.



LATEST ENTERTAINMENT: "Mad Max 2," above, is an epic film including a wide range of futuristic vehicles. This scene shows gangs of outlaws who, after world wars, roam the countryside on motorcycles and dune buggies lawlessly taking over society. A scene from a new fairy tale, "Time Bandits," below, left, starring time traveler Sean Connery. The film is crammed with wit, fantasy and visual effects. Robert Vaughn, bottom right, is the star in a new television series "Inside the Third Reich."



After 38 movies, three last year

'Health age' determined by new computer

By Christine Doyle

WASHINGTON (LOS) — Staywell is probably the swiftest, most computerized, most packaged health check-up in the world. Some 20,000 blue-collar computer workers are first tested for such things as blood pressure, weight, blood fat and 14 other blood "levels."

The test results plus answers to a lengthy questionnaire on life-style, health habits, depressions and so on are fed into a computer programmed to reveal "health age."

According to your birth certificate you may be 40 but according to the computer, which is stacked with medical details on thousands of people, your life-style and health risks may place you closer to the health age of the average 50-year-old or, depending on genes, luck or prudence, on someone in their 30s.

The Staywell health age profile plus advice comes to you "shrink-wrapped" — trapped in almost-impossible-to-open plastic — for confidentiality.

The accompanying package of good advice is not the end of the Staywell check. Behavior modification "counselors" or psychologists visit your workplace for follow-up discussions of changing diets, giving up smoking, fitness, removing stress from the office or factory, self-examination of breasts and so on. As health is said to begin at home, spouses are also included in the Staywell plan.

A year later the health checks and questions are repeated and your health age reassessed to see if you have taken off any years. The Staywell system is the latest brainchild of the Life Extension Institute, a division of the huge Minneapolis-based Control Data Corporation. It is the logical extension of executive health plans which the company markets on a large scale.

For the past two years, the health age system has been tested among 20,000 blue-collar employees of the corporation. Eighty percent of those invited to take part are keen to do so. Two other large American companies are about to take up the expensive plan.

The financial effectiveness of detecting or preventing illness has yet to be accurately calculated. One important possibility is that health age disciplines will eventually cut the cost of companies' health insurance plans. So far all that can be disclosed is that some workers have become fitter.

Americans often seem crazy, even dangerously, health conscious. Joggers, for instance, were not deterred by the recent Arctic temperatures. They simply loped through the snow and black ice. Check-ups are ingrained in the American way of health, having originated here at least partly because of the consumers' wish to avoid large medical bills through early treatment of disease.

Researchers cannot yet pinpoint why relatively fewer Americans than Britons, for example, die heart disease. But the decline in rates is encouragingly firm. It is thought that less smoking among men, more exercise, lower blood pressures, changes in diets, and the persistent checking may have something to do with it.

Not that the United States is without controversy over health checks. An annual "physical" has come under increasing attack from the medical establishment as unnecessary and expensive at around \$75 a time.

Nicholson often worries about his fans' reaction; he chooses parts carefully, tries random living

By Wayne Robins

NEW YORK (WP) — Aching passion has been the topic two of the three roles in which Jack Nicholson has been featured during the last year. He was Eugene O'Neill, third arm of a love triangle that also included Louise Bryant (Diane Keaton) and John Reed (Warren Beatty) in *Reds*, and he was a drifter who becomes obsessed with Jessica Lange in the film of James M. Cain's *The Postman Always Rings Twice*.

But as border patrolman Charlie Smith in the movie *The Border*, which opened recently, the torridly charismatic side of Nicholson's screen character finds his nerve endings frayed, if not deadened. Smith moves from Los Angeles to El Paso with a wife (Valerie Perrine) whom he seems to merely tolerate, having transferred in a job that has already spiritually defeated him. Although on one level it's an action-adventure movie, his 38th film (as actor, director or producer) also finds Nicholson asserting his resourcefulness between the lines.

"You should never play anything one way, because then it becomes predictable, there's no highlights, or counterpoint in the thing," Nicholson said the other day in his hotel suite overlooking Central Park. "I liked the character. I think he's complex. Certain things that begin to be a problem in the script turn out to be assets. The male-female relationship in *The Border* is written pretty one-way; it's all played against. If you look at the named script on the page, if you played with what seems to be the temperament of the scenes, they would be too dark, too heavy. So you're almost forced to play it in an opposite way. Which I think gave a third color to it, that

worked for it. I had to add to it as an actor to make it work."

Besides presenting an interesting character to move around in, *The Border* also gave Nicholson an opportunity to do a visceral action movie. "Doing an action movie—I've played all sports and everything like that—it's one of the most physically demanding things I've ever done, because of the repetition," he said. "It doesn't mean anything to jump off a car, but to jump off a car 20 times—one time gravel's there. I wanted to do an action movie before I was really too old to do it, and be kind of like Orson Welles playing *Falstaff*."

It's too early to tell whether audiences will accept *The Border* as an attractive adventure or reject it as a brooding art film. Critical response has been mixed. The response at the box office to Nicholson in *The Postman Always Rings Twice* was also divided, depending on which continent you were one.

Though a flop in the United States, *Postman* has outgrossed *Chinatown* (one of his most critically acclaimed and commercially successful films) in all foreign territories except Venezuela, Nicholson said. "By hindsight, I think I know why. I'm not being perceptive—but in a way I am—in a film like *Body Heat*, if you make the audience think it's sexy, you're safe. If you make them feel sexual, you've crossed into a realm of darkness that is not as commercial. In Europe, I think... I know they're a little more relaxed with subjects..."

Nicholson paused there, concentrating as thoroughly throughout the interview as he does in preparing for a film role. His technique: Relaxing until the character "moves in on you... and provokes the subconscious to

speaking up," is the way he puts it.

"I'm not talking about 'sexy,' or the little diminutives of this vast, dark underworld of sexuality," he said. "But actual sexual. I think the American audience just wasn't ready for it. And not over murder, that's what this story is."

Praise for Nicholson has been unequivocal for his portrayal of Eugene O'Neill in Beatty's film *Reds*. Beatty and Nicholson have long been friends. "He asked me to play it for very good superstructural cinematic reasons," Nicholson said. Some of that reason had to do with Nicholson and Beatty's parity as sex symbols.

"After all, Warren Beatty is Warren Beatty," Nicholson said. "And what you need to believe in the party of O'Neill at bottom is an honest competitive rivalry for his girlfriend. And somehow, if you think about casting, we have a good level with one another in this area."

Nicholson, however, is reticent about accepting too much applause for his part in *Reds*. "I love being praised, but after all, my efforts are so minimal compared to his (Beatty's)," Nicholson said. (The film was directed and written by Beatty, who also stars in it.)

"That (*Reds*) is the biggest job anyone's done in Hollywood since I've been there 30 years," he said. "No one's taken on a job of that magnitude, with so many difficult points in it. The fact that he actually pulled it off is a great achievement. I just played another part in a movie where the conditions for me were ideal—beautifully written part, great actress to work with, a director very sympathetic to the needs of an actor in order to be able to function. In terms of justice, I hope all praise would fall to him, because I know the effort

it's been."

It is partly the transmission of earthy sexuality, and not the mere suggestion of sexiness, that has contributed to making Nicholson a star. The screen doesn't begin to capture the intensity of the emerald laser that seems to beam from his eyes. But you wonder if rumor, gossip, and the tough tenderness of his screen presence overstated or slighted the position of hedonism in his life.

"I call myself a neo-Spartan hedonist," Nicholson said. "In today's world, the spectrum of hedonism is so broad and deep that you also have to have an antithetical exercise. You have to be in condition to be a hedonist at today's tempo. I've always had a code. I'm sort of open society, but I sort of have a rigid morality. A lot of situations, I can't deal with. I just don't like the shape of it, and I don't get over it. Everybody's code today has paradoxes in it."

Despite his presence in three recent movies, Nicholson hasn't worked for more than a year and has no plans to get back to work. That is, unless you count his efforts in perfecting his skiing as work, or traveling in southern France over the summer, or spending time in Hawaii with his daughter, who was graduating from high school.

"Random living," Nicholson calls it. "I feel I'm one of the few people alive who can actually do it guiltlessly, so I'm obligated to explore it."

One area of his life he pursues with near-fanatical commitment is attendance at Los Angeles Lakers basketball games. When he's in Los Angeles, he never misses a home game. "It's my favorite entertainment," he said.

Ecologists criticize sub dumping

By Denis Collins

WASHINGTON — (WP) — The depth charge was at the bottom of the trawling net, covered with mud and hidden under the blind fish and pale-skinned invertebrates that John Musick had just dredged from the floor of the Atlantic 2 1-2 miles below. After 30 years rusting off the coast of New Jersey, the bomb still was capable of blowing away Musick's 150-foot research vessel.

"That was kind of unnerving," said Musick, a senior marine expert at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. "We got it overboard as fast as we could."

Musick has been hauling the odd works of man and nature from the deepest parts of the Atlantic for 12 years. He is paid to study ocean garbage dumps and the effect they have on the sea life around them.

Last month Musick and other environmentalists charged that a navy proposal to sink five decommissioned nuclear submarines in the ocean could endanger not only sea life, but commercial fishing industry and seafood consumers.

"You are dealing with high-level, not low-level radiation," says Musick, who has studied other Atlantic sites where radioactive material has been dumped, including a spot off the coast of Maryland where *Sea Wolf*, the world's second atomic-powered submarine, was secretly sunk in 1959. "If there is any radioactive leakage, fish are one possible mode of transportation away from a dump site into shallow water."

Navy officials say the alarms are premature and exaggerated. Before any of the five dry-docked submarines are scuttled, their nuclear fuel and reactors would be removed. The stainless steel container plants remaining would emit only low levels of radiation, says the navy, and would be sunk too deep to present any danger to the ocean's ecosystem.

Whether the submarines would emit high-or low-level radiation has not been publicly documented, because that information is classified.

Both sides agree that disposing of nuclear submarines is a problem without easy solutions.

"With over 100 nuclear-powered submarines in operation, the navy is faced with eventual decommissioning of these ships at a future rate of possibly three or four per year over the next 30 years," the navy reported in an environmental-impact notice printed in the Jan. 14 *Federal Register*. "A permanent means of disposal must be developed that is environmentally acceptable."

In the middle of the dispute is the Environmental Protection Agency, which must grant the navy a permit before it can sink or bury anything that has the slightest radioactivity. The EPA's referee is senior staff oceanographer Robert Dyer. He probably is the most knowledgeable person in the country on both the science and politics of the dumping issue.

"I've conducted six hearings and all the surveys and faced all the hostile audiences," says Dyer, who has earned respect from both sides in the fight, according to environmentalists and navy officials. "I'm in the middle somewhere, and trying to stay there. But it gets tougher all the time."

The fight over submarine disposal is expected to be particularly intense, because it comes at a time when the EPA is drafting new guidelines on ocean dumping. Environmentalists are hoping for a moratorium on all dumping. But last year a presidential advisory committee on oceans and atmospheres concluded that the oceans were being under-utilized for dumping.

The decision on the submarines, which might not be made for a year or more, could significantly influence how the more serious problem of overall high-level nuclear-waste disposal is decided. In 1980 there were about 80 million gallons of high-level wastes and 12,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel rods in temporary storage in the United States. There have been proposals to bury the waste in abandoned caves or in natural salt domes. Two years ago the Department of Energy spent \$5.9 million to study a plan to "rocket" the waste hundreds of feet into the ocean floor.

Before the United States suspended offshore dumping of nuclear waste in 1970, thousands of gallons of low-level wastes were dumped into both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In 1975 the EPA reported traces of radioactive leaks from containers 120 miles east of Ocean City, Md. Musick has caught two fish off the Maryland shore that showed significant levels of radioactivity.

"There is definitely a threat to commercial fishing," says Jon Hinck, an official with Greenpeace, an international environmental-action group. "But the greater implication is of reversing recent U.S. policy on nuclear dumping at sea."

Hinck is afraid that if the United States relaxes its rules on nuclear-waste dumping, it will encourage other countries such as Great Britain and France to do the same.

But the EPA's Dyer says that if the navy shows the radiation levels from its submarines are within limits set by the 1972 Ocean Dumping Treaty, which was ratified by the United States, his agency will have little choice but to grant a permit.

"You can guess almost every environmental lobby group will not like it, and the public will not like it," says Dyer, who adds his agency will be obliged to make its decision primarily on data alone. "They will give me 100 reasons of an emotional nature against it. But from the preliminary numbers I have seen, in no way, shape or form will (the submarines) exceed those definitions."

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

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Enhancing or consuming the art world?

Getty left his museum \$1.3b legacy, chaos in the art market could result

LOS ANGELES, (LAT) — In 1976, J. Paul Getty died and the art world was staggered by reports that he left \$700 million in oil stocks to his art museum in Malibu, Calif. As it turned out, that was just the start. After more than five years of legal entanglements, the Getty legacy is expected to come out of probate any day now. When it does:

— The \$700 million gift in Getty Oil Co. stock will have appreciated to almost \$1.3 billion. That would make the J. Paul Getty Museum the richest in the United States — and probably in the world.

— Executors and lawyers handling the estate have been awarded \$26.4 million.

— The museum could be required by federal tax law to spend nearly \$54 million the first year and similar sums year after year.

All might seem tranquil at the Malibu museum, but there is plenty of ferment 17 miles away at its downtown offices. There, museum President Harold Williams and his coterie of program development officers and investment counselors are trying to figure out how best to invest the fortune and distribute the income growing out of those investments.

As Getty representatives scout the world for prime art and prime staff people to care for it, the people back at home have their own problems. Among them is determining how to spend all that money without causing chaos in the art market, alienating financially pressed museum colleagues and being what Getty Museum Director Stephen Garrett calls "arrogant, flagrant and dollar-waving."

It will not be easy. It took only \$4.5 million to run the Getty Museum last year, and even the far larger Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York operates on \$27 million a year. No other U.S. museum will have the Getty's dollar power, and Williams spends considerable time explaining how the Getty sees itself as enhancing the art world rather than consuming it.

Not that the Getty will give the money away. Unlike such grant-making foundations as Ford or Rockefeller, the Getty is an operating foundation and that means it must be involved in the programs that it funds.

What might those programs be? Some possibilities: A technology sophisticated art research and study center, probably at a site other than Malibu, and expansion of the Getty's photo archives, conservation activities, library and fellowships. The Getty may also provide link-ups with research centers around the world, put money into scholarly art publishing and expand to include another Los Angeles museum facility.

Formal spending plans are still months away, however, and Harold Williams' sentences are laden with generalities, assumptions and qualifiers. His only unqualified remark: "This institution will make what is probably the largest single contribution to the arts field of any public or private institution in the world over the next decade."

When J. Paul Getty began collecting art, he wrote in his 1976 autobiography, *As I See It* (published after his death), he bought "what pleased and appealed to me and I bought for myself." In *The Joy of Collecting* another of the nine books he authored, Getty described launching his lifelong passion in the Orient in 1912 with the purchase of two Chinese bronzes and some pieces of carved ivory. Next came a painting by Van Goyen in 1930, followed over the years with Greek and Roman antiquities, French decorative arts, more and more Renaissance and Baroque paintings.

Getty's treasures accumulated, and in the early '50s, Getty accountant Norris Bramlett suggested the tycoon start a museum and get a charitable tax deduction. In 1953, Getty set aside five rooms of his Malibu ranch house and did just that.

"It was very small scale," recalls Bramlett, now vice chairman of the museum trustees. "If we had 8 or 10 people in one day, it would be a crowd."

Although Getty himself moved abroad, the crowds and collection kept growing at the ranch house, expanding into the living room, even into the central hallway, until Getty finally opted for a new building altogether. In 1970, construction started down the hill on Getty's re-creation of the classical Villa dei Papiri, a Roman villa at Herculaneum.

The Museum's new \$17 million home (which is located in Los Angeles city limits, but uses a Malibu mailing address) opened in 1974 to mixed reviews and plenty of visitors. About 300,000 people amble through its quiet gardens and galleries each year, and 2.5 million have visited to date.

Oilman Getty never saw the new museum before he died in 1976. He had run it by phone from England. Yet museum staff members say he approved (and frequently initiated) every purchase, and Getty himself served as museum director until his death.

The museum was willed 4 million shares of Getty Oil stock, an asset valued then at about \$700 million. The estate has been delayed more than five years in reaching the museum because of lawsuits and tax disputes during which time the stock split 4 to 1 and the museum profited from two well-timed stock sales and high interest rates.

Getty endowed the museum with more than \$40 million before his death, but museum staffers have said publicly that they were surprised that he left such a big chunk of his estate to the museum.

"He always said we should get by on what we had," says Burton Fredericksen, curator of paintings, "but because he had few other philanthropies, it wasn't obvious to whom else he would give it so the hope was there."

Heart bypass complicated, common; Kissinger joked about his operation

By Christine Doyle

WASHINGTON (LOS) — As Dr. Henry Kissinger jokes his way in characteristic style through his "excellent" recovery from a gruelling four-and-a-half-hour triple bypass operation, the value of such operations is the subject of renewed controversy.

About 100,000 Americans a year have bypass surgery at a cost of around \$15,000. Kissinger's bypass was one of 650 that will be carried out this year at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. According to a hospital spokesman, the triple bypass, although the most complicated, is very common.

Surgeons take a piece of vein from the leg and connect it to bypass obstructed coronary arteries, thus bringing an uninterrupted supply of oxygenated blood from the aorta to the heart muscles. The blockage caused by years of silting is side-stepped, and the patient can expect renewed vigor and a longer life.

As doctors attempt to undo the damage caused by this foremost disease of the Western life-style, the chief unanswered questions are: how long and vigorous is the renewed life? And could alternative measures prove as satisfactory.

Available evidence put forward at a recent meeting of the National Institutes of

Health here suggests that life expectancy is improved and that the quality of life may be "miraculously" improved for those patients whose main coronary arteries are narrowed by more than 50 percent, or who have serious blockage in all three coronary vessels.

Some heart specialists at that meeting, however, suggested that bypass surgery is unnecessary and risky for people without such severe blockages, and that alternative treatments might achieve the same effect.

Different methods were considered for Kissinger, who complained of persistent shoulder pains, but all the tests indicated emergency surgery was needed. One coronary artery was completely blocked, and two others significantly narrowed. Such blockages could have led swiftly to heart attack or sudden death.

Possible alternatives for less severely affected patients include "beta-blocker" heart drugs and strict advice on smoking, exercise and diet. The newest and most challenging treatment is a balloon device, which removes the need for surgery. A sausage-shaped balloon attached to a fine tube is threaded through an artery into the coronary blood vessels.

It is then inflated to squash the soft fat lining the artery walls. Although no one seems to know what happens to the squashed fat, the two-hour operation has proved

as effective as coronary bypassing for some patients — and it is less risky than surgery. Perhaps 10 percent of bypass candidates could benefit from this procedure. If the fat has calcified, however, the technique will not work.

Another alternative, when the problem is a blood clot obstructing the coronary arteries, may be to dissolve clots gradually with a slow injection of streptokinase through a tube. This substance, made from a purified bacterial material, was first used to dissolve clots in veins.

Assessing the long-term success rate for coronary bypasses is difficult. Repeat operations are sometimes carried out, and much will depend on how receptive the patient is to advice on changing his life style. Kissinger must now lose weight — about 20 lbs say his doctors. Aged 58, he weighed in for his operation at 203 lbs, far above the desirable weight for his 5ft 8ins.

Kissinger joked before the operation that he was "open to negotiation" on that. He also quipped that he wished he could have a quadric bypass to be one step ahead of the present Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, who has also had a bypass operation.

Ultimately, what doctors in the United States find most encouraging is that the heart disease death rate has declined by 25 percent over the past 10 years.

Frugality in the extreme

NASA refuses Spacelab ownership, \$17m in U.S. import duty avoided

By Thomas O'Toole

WASHINGTON: (WP) — Everybody knows how frugal the Reagan administration is but the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may have carried frugality beyond a conservative Republican's wildest dreams.

NASA took possession recently of something called Spacelab, a fully equipped laboratory developed and built by the European Space Agency, at a cost of \$900 million, to fly inside the cargo bay of America's space shuttle. But while it took possession of Spacelab, NASA refused to take ownership of it because it would have had to pay an import duty of almost \$17 million on it if it did.

"Spacelab has had a curious history," said one source familiar with both the European and American sides of the transaction. "It's almost as if nobody wants to own it."

First, said the source, ESA insisted on keeping ownership of Spacelab because that's

the way ESA's 10 member states wanted it. That's all right with us, NASA replied, as long as ESA takes over third-party liability.

Well, ESA hesitated, that's not what we had in mind so why don't we transfer ownership of Spacelab to NASA. Wonderful, said NASA, until it learned it would have to pay an import duty of about 8 percent on the estimated Spacelab worth of almost \$200 million.

"In effect, NASA refused to take ownership and that's where it stands," said the source. "ESA owns it but NASA has it."

Even though it still owns it, ESA formally turned over Spacelab to NASA at a ceremony held at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, said ESA's Michel Bignier: "this is a very important step for Europe, the first time it has truly been involved in manned spaceflight. The next step is the actual flight of Spacelab. We hope it will not be the end but the start."

Spacelab will fly for the first time in September 1983, the ninth flight the space shuttle will make. It will carry 16.5 tons of scientific instruments designed and built by 70 scientists from the United States and Western Europe. Already scheduled are three more Spacelab flights through 1985, including one that will carry ultraviolet telescopes to take the first look at Halley's comet as it begins to approach the earth.

Spacelab will be manned by two scientists, one from the United States and the other from Europe. They will enter Spacelab through a tunnel connecting the laboratory with the space shuttle's crew cabin, which they will share with the astronauts flying the shuttle.

A second Spacelab will be delivered by ESA in 1983 to NASA, which will buy the second laboratory and accept ownership. But NASA is still wrestling with a \$17 million import duty on the second Spacelab, which it would rather not pay.

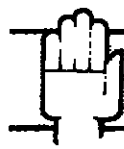
NEXT WEEK DR. STEINCROHN DISCUSSES

Saturday, Feb. 27

High cholesterol isn't the greatest danger to the heart. There are other factors that may be more important. Hypertension is one. Think of the package: obesity, hypertension, smoking, high levels of cholesterol and triglycerides, possible diabetes and abnormal tension.

Sunday, Feb. 28

In an experiment with two groups of rats, if you deprive one group of exercise and put them on a program of eating one day and fasting the next, the sedentary, semistarvation regimen actually prolongs their lives.



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Monday, March 1

Numbness in the shoulder may occur when students wear tight shoulder straps to carry books. The pressure of the tight shoulder straps under the arms on the brachial plexus is the cause.

Tuesday, March 2

There are satisfactions in both writing a medical column and in treating patients face to face.

Wednesday, March 3

Calcium and beta blockers help patients with angina. But there is a difference between the two.

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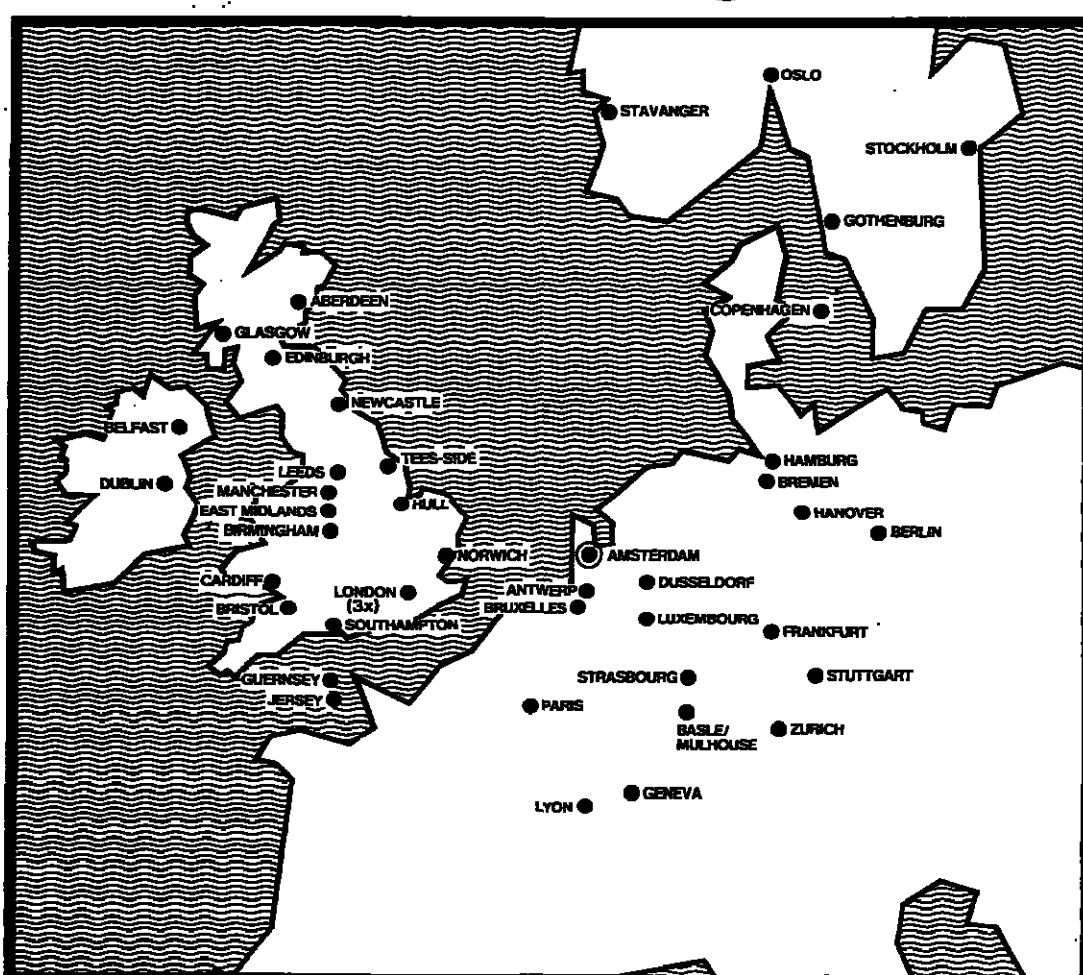
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Defense budget will help U.S. regain strength -- Weinberger

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposed 1983 defense spending program of \$258 billion, the biggest in U.S. history, will put more muscle into the whole American economy, Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger asserted in a British television interview Tuesday night.

Speaking in his office at the Pentagon, the secretary was asked if the huge sum — more than one-third of the entire budget — will not weaken the economy and thereby undermine the Western world more than strengthen it. Weinberger said the "simple fact" is that defense spending strengthens the economy because it requires investment "on a substantial scale in our industrial base."

Later in the interview with Richard Kershaw of the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC), the secretary said that the Pentagon budget generates revenues, while large cuts in defense spending have "only a minimal effect on the national deficit. The deficit is large, but that's the product of what we believe are wrong and failed economic policies of the past," he said.

President Reagan's total budget package of \$757.6 billion for fiscal 1983 has yet to be approved by congress. Weinberger said, "I never predict what the Congress is going to do." While approval "gets progressively harder" each year, the Pentagon last year "got a very, very large increase," he noted. The interview was screened by the BBC national network in a series called "American Attitudes."

Weinberger acknowledged the defense expenditure is "a very large sum, but it is essential to defend our peace and freedom." He said the Soviet Union increased its milit-

ary spending "steadily each year" and built up "significant leads in some areas."

He said it will take the United States a long time to regain the momentum it lost in the defense run-downs in the 1970s, "and we simply have to make these very large investments to regain enough strength, not superiority, enough strength to deter aggression against us or our allies. It's a very expensive business."

The United States had military superiority over the Soviets in the 1950s, when it was much cheaper to maintain the peace, "but that has eroded now," he said.

Weinberger said the world has been witnessing a "one-nation arms race" by the Soviet Union "we have a gap that is very real and is opening in a number of areas. We still have great strength but we do have a need for modernization, for greatly increased readiness and complete redoing of all the strategic weapons, all in the same year, which is a difficult thing."

On the argument that no more nuclear arms are needed because there are already enough to "destroy each other many times over," the secretary said that with the "modernized and enormous additions the Soviets have made to their strategic weapons, the West might not have the counterforce power to hit back after a Soviet first strike. "So our goal is to make sure we have sufficient strength to deter that first strike and keep the peace by being strong," he said.

Weinberger said he is confident the Soviets will negotiate arms reductions seriously when they realize "our determination and our resolution is there to stay the course." He said the talks in Geneva on reducing intermediate

nuclear weapons are "going well," and talks on strategic weapons are expected — he could not name a date.

Weinberger said the \$700 million allocated for chemical weapons is a means of reacquiring capability for defense against the "enormous" chemical arsenal developed by the Soviets, while the United States was dismantling its supplies in 1969 and 1970.

On the growth of the European anti-nuclear arms movement, he commented: "It's perfectly understandable that people don't want to fight a war and don't want nuclear weapons in place. But the governments involved realize that one of the best ways of preventing that is to be strong, and to have (such a great) ability to respond to attack that the attack won't come."

He said unilateral disarmament by the West, in the sense of détente, the SALT negotiations and "ears of good feeling, never deterred the Soviets' military growth by one iota."

Weinberger said that growing demands in Western Europe for the withdrawal of U.S. forces might revive congressional demands to pull out. "Isolationism is never very far from the surface," in the United States he remarked.

He was asked about U.S. support for what the interviewer called "dubious regimes" in Central America, and replied that Europe would be "very seriously disadvantaged if there were a Communist-led or Communist-controlled bastion of great strength on the mainland of the United States." It would be infinitely more difficult for the United States to fulfill its global commitments if that happened, he said.

Carrington reacts tersely to Haig aside

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24 (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington reacted tersely and wryly Tuesday to reports that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig called him a "duplicitous bastard."

It was Carrington's first direct reaction to remarks Haig reportedly made to staff members during a free-wheeling private discussion last October. "I'm only thankful that I don't have people like that around me who tell tales, or whatever it was," Carrington told reporters. He declined to elaborate, beyond saying he was talking about Haig's staff, the apparent source of the leak.

According to the report, Haig made the remark about Carrington during a discussion of British policy toward Israel and Arab countries. Spokesmen for both officials have asserted that Carrington and Haig have an excellent relationship.

Atlantan rebuts killing charges

ATLANTA, Feb. 24 (R) — Wayne Williams, testifying in his own defense, Tuesday launched a point-by-point rebuttal of the prosecution's case that he was the mass murderer who terrorized the black community of Atlanta for two years.

Williams, 23, was continuing testimony he began Monday when he took the witness stand and declared, "I haven't killed nobody. I haven't thought about killing nobody and I don't plan on killing nobody." The self-styled music promoter and free-lance photographer is charged with murdering Jimmy Ray Payne and Nathaniel Cater but the prosecution has also introduced testimony accusing him of 10 other murders.

Williams said that one witness who testified against him, Ken Hindsmann, had done so because he held a grudge against him. Hindsmann had testified that he had seen Williams with a victim. Williams also denied he had once told music promoter Sharon Blakeley that he would confess to the murders if law enforcement officials showed him they had a convincing case against him.

He then disputed a police account of the circumstances surrounding his car being spotted moving slowly across an Atlanta River bridge early in the morning of May 22 last year. Officers heard a loud splash in the river which they thought might have been caused by a body.

While the officers had testified there was no other traffic on the bridge for several minutes before or after Williams was spotted, the defendant insisted there were at least two other cars in front of him at that time. He also insisted on an alibi which FBI agents have testified could not be verified.

BRIEFS

LONDON (AP) — Publisher Rupert Murdoch Tuesday reported progress with union leaders on his demands for 600 job cuts at the money-losing London Times newspaper and said there was hope of saving the papers. Murdoch said print union leaders had agreed to more than 100 layoffs at the Times and its sister newspaper, the Sunday Times. But he said he was still looking to cut 600 jobs from the newspapers' 2,600-strong work force to reduce losses running at 15 million pounds (about \$28 million) a year.

LONDON (AP) — Ten percent of Londoners live alone, and the city's population has dwindled by 10.3 percent in the past decade to a total of 6,608,598, according to results of the 1981 census released Tuesday. In 1971, Greater London had a population of 7,368,693. The British capital is now the world's 11th largest city, more than five million behind Tokyo, the most populous.

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) — Tan Kim Leong was sentenced to death by the high court in Johore Bahru Tuesday after being found guilty of drug trafficking. Tan, a truck driver, had been charged with having 118.7 kg of opium and 3.39 kg of morphine at a customs checkpoint in Johore Bahru in 1977.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Convicted spy Christopher Boyce was sentenced to three extra years in prison Tuesday for escaping from a federal penitentiary two years ago. U.S. District Judge Lawrence Lydick said the three-year sentence would be tacked on the end of the 40 years Boyce was serving at the Lompoc, California, Prison for espionage when he escaped.

PARIS (AFP) — France's first test-tube baby — a girl — was born Tuesday night at Antoine Beclere hospital in the southwestern Parisian suburb of Clamart, the French Public Hospital Administration announced Wednesday.

PENANG, Malaysia (AFP) — A tremor triggered by an earthquake in north Sumatra rocked Penang shortly after noon Wednesday for nearly half a minute. About 1,000 persons working in a nine-story building were evacuated when the alarm was raised.

WASHINGTON (R) — National Public Radio (NPR) said Tuesday its board of directors has broken off acquisition talks with United Press International that began last summer. Under the acquisition proposal, UPI would have been donated to NPR by its parent company, E.W. Scripps, allowing Scripps to take a tax write-off because the transaction would have been considered a charitable deduction.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Authorities seized diamonds valued at 16 million rupees (nearly \$1.8 million) from an Air-India flight purser as he prepared to board a flight at Bombay, the local collector of customs said.

NEW YORK (R) — Publication of Wednesday's New York Times was halted by a lorry drivers' strike, called after the newspaper refused to pay a union leader overtime for work not performed, a Times statement said.

VOA completes 40 years

Project Truth counters Soviet 'misinformation'

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — The United States International Communication Agency is fighting Soviet-spawned misinformation about the United States, the director of the USICA, Charles Z. Wick, asserted Tuesday. Project Truth was set up to counter anti-U.S. propaganda released by the Soviet government, he said.

Through Project Truth, a coalition of officials of USICA and the U.S. State and Defense Departments respond to new Soviet propaganda within hours with informational backgrounders to U.S. embassies overseas for use by the local media, Wick said.

Soviet "disinformation" disseminated recently not only has tried to discredit the United States, he said, but also to divert the world's attention from events in Poland. Wick returned this week from a 23-day tour of European capitals, where he spoke with foreign ministers and information directors.

Addressing a luncheon for members of the Public Relations Society of America, Wick said USICA was "the public diplomacy arm of the United States." Its job is to tell the world about the United States and its policies in a fair and accurate way, he said.

Wick said recent, renewed concerns that the Voice of America would be used as a propaganda instrument were unfounded. VOA, which is the overseas radio network of USICA, broadcasts more than 900 hours a week in English and 38 other languages via short- and medium-wave to an estimated 67 million listeners.

"We do not plan to use VOA or any other arm of the agency as a political arm of the Reagan administration," Wick said, adding that neither President Ronald Reagan nor Secretary of State Alexander Haig had made such demands.

USICA has an annual budget of \$500 million and 7,800 employees, while the Soviet Union spends \$3.5 billion a year on propaganda and employs 70,000 workers, he said. The agency maintains 201 posts in 125 countries.

As such, USICA needs support from the private sector. Labor and sports groups, the motion picture industry and public relations agencies are among those groups which already act as informal representatives for the United States, he said.

Officials say over the next few years VOA, which celebrated 40 years on the air Wednesday, intends to step up the power of its shortwave transmissions in an attempt to reach more people. And, to keep them listening, the message will be a more "contemporary" sound. Particularly, it wants to appeal to the young.

The voice spoke German, to Germany, on Feb. 24, 1942. The first broadcast said: "Daily at this time, we shall speak to you about America and the war. The news may be good or bad. We shall tell you the truth."

The VOA beams its signals at a strength of 100,000 to 250,000 watts. It intends, over the next two to five years, to step up to 500,000 watts — a power already used by the Soviet

Union, and even by Libya and Gabon. Terry Catherman, deputy director and a 32-year veteran of U.S. information and cultural programs, says the VOA signals reach Eastern Europe and the European part of the Soviet Union. But getting heard in the Asian part of the USSR, east of the Urals, is a chancy thing.

He estimates that the voice has a global audience of 103 million, who tune in at least once a week. That doesn't include the Chinese audience, which can't be estimated. A stronger signal could increase the audience by 50 percent or more, Catherman said.

VOA is on the air 900 hours a week, in 39 languages. It carries 280 newscasts a day as well as music and sports and programs intended to tell about life in America and to give a variety of competing American views on U.S. policies.

There have been recent reports of internal unease among some VOA employees over what they see as efforts to tailor the agency's newscasts to cast a favorable light on U.S. foreign policy.

French lover gets jail term for espionage

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AP) — A 38-year-old French chemist, who said he spied for East Germany because he was in love with a woman from Berlin, was sentenced to five years in prison Tuesday by the Paris criminal court. The court, however, suspended 18 months of his sentence against Marcel Aubel, a former employee at the French Petroleum Institute.

Aubel has been in prison since his arrest May 10, 1980, and has thus already served more than half of the reduced sentence. His lawyers hope he will be given a conditional release in the next few days.

During the first day of his trial Monday, Aubel testified he met and fell in love with an East German woman named Marianne Arndt, who is now his second wife, on a trip to East Berlin in 1966. He said he married another woman when he returned to France, divorced her in 1972 and then returned to East Berlin to resume his relationship with Miss Arndt.

"When I arrived in Berlin, I was immediately contacted by two persons who said they were members of a labor union confederation," Aubel told the court. "But I soon found out they were special service agents. I agreed to enter into their game to obtain the necessary authorization to marry Marianne."

Aubel said he never gave the East Germans any important documents. "I only gave them synopses of studies," he testified.

Reacts coolly to Mexican peace proposal

U.S. ship patrols Salvadoran coast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — The United States is keeping a destroyer equipped with sophisticated electronic gear off the coast of El Salvador to listen in on radio communications in the area, Pentagon sources said Tuesday evening.

Defense officials who asked not to be identified waved aside suggestions that the warship was meant to be a show of force. A single destroyer does not pack enough combat power for that, they said. Although intelligence gathering methods are closely guarded, it is known that the destroyers of the Spruance class are fitted with the most advanced equipment for what is called communications intelligence.

The *Deo*, on station in the Pacific of El Salvador since January, and the *Carr*, which recently relieved it, are both of the Spruance class. It could not be determined whose radio traffic was being intercepted. But the ship would be in a position to overhear communications among guerrillas units in El Salvador and between those units and supporters in neighboring Nicaragua. The sources said the relief of the *Deo* indi-

cated the intelligence-gathering mission would continue for an indefinite future.

The United States has been supporting the Salvadoran civilian-military government of Jose Napoleon Duarte with military advisers and technicians and growing amounts of equipment, but so far has not engaged in overt military action.

The State Department Tuesday reacted coolly to a peace plan for Central America proposed by Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, saying it could succeed only if Nicaragua ceased arming guerrillas in El Salvador.

Despite Nicaraguan denials, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer said Nicaraguan trafficking in arms to guerrillas opposing the U.S.-backed Salvadoran junta "has not abated." But he provided no specifics. "We have stressed a fundamental point: that any successful effort to address these issues can take place only when Nicaragua ceases its support to the guerrillas in El Salvador. This has not occurred," Fischer said.

President Lopez Portillo, in a speech in

Managua, Nicaragua, Sunday, said Mexico "could be in a position to provide guarantees" to ease U.S. concerns about the consequences of a negotiated resolution of the crisis in El Salvador. Lopez Portillo also said he saw "real possibilities for dialogue to be converted into negotiations" between the United States and Cuba, which the Reagan administration also accuses of sending arms to the Salvadoran leftists, mostly through Nicaragua.

The State Department's unenthusiastic reception for Lopez Portillo's peace proposal appeared somewhat in contrast to frequent assertions by Secretary of State Alexander Haig that relations between Mexico and the United States have never been better.

Although the department has never publicly confirmed it, official sources have said Mexico helped arrange a meeting between Haig and Cuban Vice President Carlos Rafael Rodriguez last year in Mexico City.

Meanwhile, Nicaragua has joined Cuba in welcoming Lopez Portillo's peace suggestions.

After guerrilla attack

Ugandan capital limps back to normalcy

NAIROBI, Kenya, Feb. 24 (AP) — The Ugandan capital of Kampala returned to near normal activity Wednesday following Tuesday's eight-hour guerrilla attack which left the city looking like a ghost town.

Shops, offices, banks and embassies which were closed Tuesday because of the rocket and mortar attack opened for business Wednesday morning and traffic returned to Kampala's streets. Residents reached by telephone from Nairobi said there was only "the normal routine sporadic gunfire" Tuesday night.

Ugandan Army patrols continued to pick up anyone without proper identification, especially young men. One resident who lives near the Malire Barracks — the target of the guerrilla attack — claimed armed soldiers beat and robbed civilians in the area during the night.

The attack which began early Tuesday morning was the biggest shooting spree in Kampala since guerrillas launched a campaign to topple President Milton Obote a year ago. The guerrillas claim Obote rigged the December 1980 presidential election and

have demanded new balloting.

The Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM), one of several guerrilla groups trying to oust Obote, took credit for the attack. It claimed all the soldiers in the Malire Barracks fled and said UFM forces captured large quantities of arms.

Uganda radio Wednesday morning reiterated the government's claim that it had repulsed "an invasion" aimed at toppling Obote. The Ministry of Defense insisted that the guerrillas never entered the barracks.

There was a wide discrepancy in reports of casualties. The UFM claimed that 300 civilians and soldiers on both sides were injured or killed in the attack. Uganda radio, monitored here, quoted a Defense Ministry spokesman as saying two Ugandan soldiers were killed along with 67 guerrillas. It said 10 guerrillas were wounded and an unknown number captured.

A Western relief official said he saw "several bodies" on the road leading from the Malire Barracks on nearby Rubaga hill. A supporter of the opposition Democratic Party said he had received a list of 10 civilians

killed and had personally seen many people helped into Rubaga hospital with gunshot wounds.

The UFM claimed its guerrillas fired 60 and 81 millimeter mortars and rocket-propelled grenades from a hill three miles (5-km) from the barracks.

Uganda radio said Wednesday that Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Peter Otai and Information Minister David Anyoti had gone on an inspection tour and seen 25 casings of 60 millimeter mortar shells outside the Roman Catholic cathedral at Rubaga. The broadcast said the priest at Rubaga told the ministers he heard noise but was afraid to leave his house and didn't know where the firing was coming from.

The UFM is headed by Dr. Andrew Kayiira, minister of internal affairs under Yusufu Lule, who was president of Uganda for a brief period after Amin was overthrown in 1979. Its supporters are primarily right-wing Catholics and backers of the once powerful Baganda monarchy. The Obote government is also opposed by a more left-wing coalition called the National Resistance Movement.

Space debris causes hazard

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Commercial and military satellite launchings have resulted in over 5,000 items of man-made space debris being left in orbit around the Earth, according to United States Air Defense authorities.

Norad, the military command responsible for the air defenses of North America, has disclosed that the space debris, most of it exceeding 10 centimeters (3 inches) in diameter, is concentrated at an altitude below 1,000 kilometers from Earth.

The United States space shuttle, which next month will make its third test flight lasting seven days, orbits the Earth at an altitude of about 250 kilometers.

Although the risk of a collision between a spacecraft and such man-made debris is still remote. The number of objects in space orbit is becoming a problem.

The National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) had to slightly delay the launching of the meteorological satellite *Goes-E* from Cape Canaveral on May 14, 1981 to avoid the possibility of a collision with the Soviet space station composed of the satellites *Salyut-6* and *Soyuz*.

The space debris comes from rockets whose various stages separate before boosting their payload into orbit, old satellites no longer in use and explosives utilized in space launchings. Collisions with meteorites can fragment the debris into further pieces. The amount of debris has increased by 10 percent in the past 10 years.

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) has estimated

that the number of objects in Earth orbit will increase considerably by the end of the century, increasing the collision hazard.

An AIAA report stated recently that a small item of space debris, only one centimeter in diameter, in a low orbit of less than 900 kilometers, was highly dangerous because of its velocity of 10 kilometers a second. Such an object could penetrate an aluminum sheet five centimeters thick.

NASA and Pentagon space experts are beginning to take the problem of the space debris seriously because of the increasingly ambitious space programs of the United States, the Soviet Union and Europe.

The successful fourth test of the European Ariane Rocket last December signaled the start of intense commercial rivalry between the United States and Europe for domination of the lucrative satellite market.

Experts reckon that about 200 commercial satellites will be launched between 1983 and 1990.

The United States and the Soviet Union will also loft new military devices into orbit as well as permanent space stations during the coming years, according to American experts.

AIAA has called for the coordination of research in the United States and elsewhere into the problem of the collision hazard posed by space debris.

"Continuation of present design and operational practices and procedures ensure that the probability of collision will increase and will eventually reach unacceptable levels, perhaps within a decade," it said.

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Dozier to resume NATO job in Italy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — U.S. Brig. Gen. James C. Dozier will return to the post from which he was kidnapped by Italian terrorists on Dec. 17, the U.S. army has announced.

Dozier, on home leave following his ordeal, had asked that he be returned to his post as the senior U.S. officer stationed at the headquarters of Allied Land Forces Southern Europe in Verona, Italy. The Army, citing security reasons, refused Tuesday to say exactly when Dozier would return to his post.

Dozier was seized at his Verona apartment by terrorists disguised as plumbers and taken to Padua, 40 miles to the west. A lightning raid by police commandos ended his 42-day captivity.

Appearing on television (the NBC-TV "Today" show) Tuesday morning with his wife Judith, Dozier was asked why he would want to return to Italy, where the Red Brigades might again make him a prime kidnapping target.

"It's the proper thing to do," he replied. Dozier said the publicity generated by the kidnapping and the resulting security measures would not hamper his ability to do his job.

"I can get the NATO job done," he said. "But, as Judy has indicated, our life will certainly change. Our freedom of action won't be the same as it was before, and we can't jump into our little Fiat and drive around northern Italy. But I can get the NATO job done."

For interest rate fall

Fed urges raising tax, cut in spending

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (R) — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker has urged Congress to cut spending and raise taxes much more than President Reagan wants so that the painfully high U.S. interest rates will fall.

He proposed Tuesday that Congress should come up with another \$20 billion in budget saving over and above the \$56 billion in austerity measures proposed by the president in his budget message two weeks ago. His call for congressional action to reduce the size of federal budget deficits in the years ahead was issued amid signs that the U.S. interest rates may be coming down after several weeks of steady increases.

Several large banks Tuesday cut their prime lending rates from 17 percent to 16.5 percent, while yields on short-term treasury securities fell two percentage points to 12.4 percent. But Volcker warned the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee not to read too much into the recent drop in interest rates. "I would not over-interpret one week's rate," he said.

While the interest-rate cut was welcome news for borrowers, the financial market reaction was muted, mainly because of another reiteration by Volcker that the central bank is committed to a tight monetary policy to bring down inflation. However, he said an Ameri-

U.S. sea law stand defended

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — Changes sought by the United States in the law of the sea treaty will not seriously impair the agreement or its chances of being accepted by other nations, former U.S. Ambassador Elliot Richardson said Tuesday.

"We've had much more critical stages than this one," said Richardson, former head of the U.S. delegation to the sea law conference.

He said the American government's request for changes in the treaty afforded "an opportunity to produce a better treaty," especially in the area of deep-seabed mining. Last month the administration, which withdrew the American delegation from the talks in March, announced plans to rejoin about 150 other nations at the treaty negotiations.

But the administration has demanded a treaty with "a pro-development thrust" that allows development of deep-seabed resources. It wants assured access for U.S. mining companies and a ban on any monopolization of undersea mining by an international seabed authority.

The government also wants guarantees that U.S. technology and funds will not be given to "national liberation movements," Richardson, speaking at a conference at

Daimler-Toyota tie-up ruled out

STUTTGART, Feb. 24 (AFP) — West German motor firm Daimler-Benz Wednesday denied reports that it intended to cooperate with Toyota of Japan.

A company spokesman said in response to reports from Japan: "These are rumors and they are baseless. There has never been any question of cooperating or discussing cooperation with Toyota."

The reports had said that Toyota had already reached agreement in principle with Daimler-Benz on the inclusion of Daimler-Benz diesel engines in Toyota trucks from summer 1984 onwards.

China's crop prospects seen fading

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Dry conditions are beginning to raise questions over crop prospects in China and some other major grain areas of the world, a U.S. government report said Tuesday.

Some "very light precipitation" fell over the north China plain during the week of Feb. 14-20, the joint agricultural weather facility said.

"However, a substantial area along the Yellow River and in Western Henan remained dry, and concern about the dryness seems to be mounting in China," it said. "Temperatures in the area rose above normal but were still mostly too cold for winter grain growth."

Dry conditions prevailed in some important crop areas of South Africa, although harvest prospects for the most part have not been hurt substantially, the report said.

In the western Soviet Union, generally dry weather continued over most winter grain areas. "Although precipitation has been light for the past three weeks, soil moisture conditions remain generally favorable," the report said.

EEC president to visit Ankara

BRUSSELS, Feb. 24 (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, the president of the EEC council of ministers, said he would visit Ankara on a date to be fixed to stress the community's hopes for democratization of the regime there.

He told a news conference Tuesday he had a mandate from colleagues in the European Economic Community (EEC) to tell Turkish military leaders how the community sees the political situation there and what it hopes for the future.

Diplomatic sources said the community had held back until now from sending a top-level mission to Turkey in case it was interpreted as tacit approval of the military regime. The change of attitude was brought about by the Turkish generals' promise of a return to democracy and the freeing from jail of former Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, the sources said.

India faces Himalayan task to end poverty

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (PTI) — While the removal of poverty is the foremost objective of the sixth Five-Year Plan (1980-85), it is recognized that, given the magnitude of the task, it cannot be accomplished in a short period of five years.

Today there are about 325 million people living below the poverty line in India. While the number of such people can be measured by two standards, viz. absolute measurement and relative measurement, it is the former that is being used in India. According to this measurement, a minimum level of consumption expenditure is determined on the basis of calorific requirement. This minimum expenditure level is termed as the "poverty line." So the poverty line or the minimum level of expenditure is taken as a measure of poverty. This concept has been adopted by the Planning Commission.

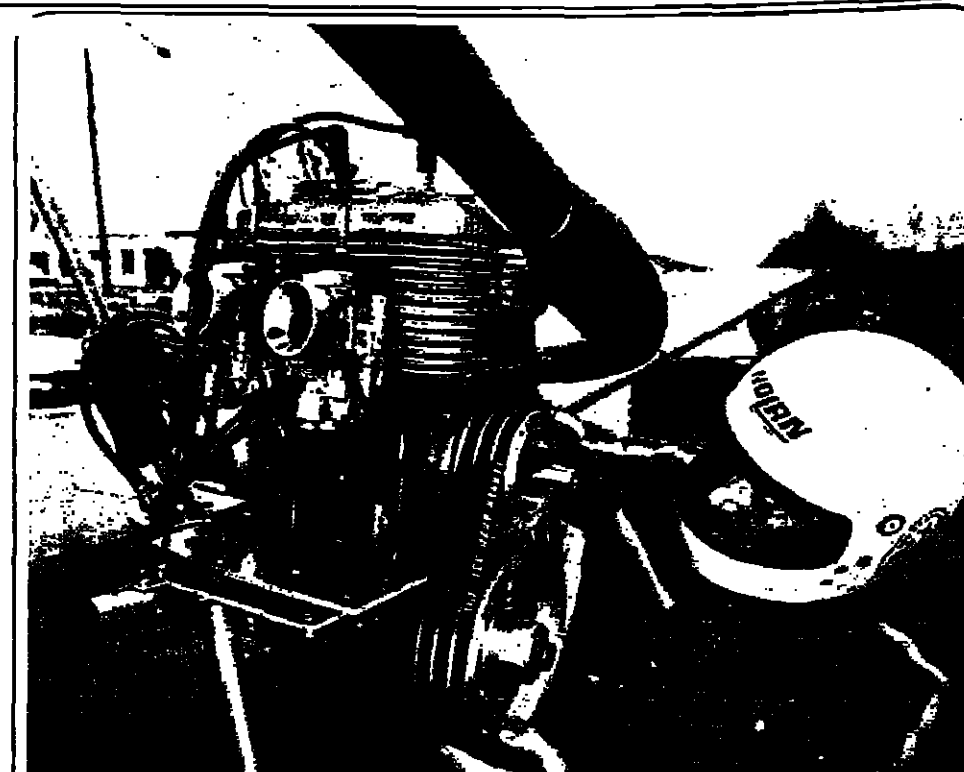
The other measure of poverty is the relative measure. In it, the whole population of the country is stratified on the basis of income. Then the living standards of the highest and the lowest income groups are compared. This relative measure of poverty is in fact the measure of inequality in the distribution of income in the country. Through this

method, efforts are made to estimate the existing anomalies. When this measure is followed, then a section of the population would be termed as poor even in a developed country, although the level of income of such poor people will be very high in comparison to the poor living in an underdeveloped country like India.

Several studies in India have estimated the extent of poverty in the rural and urban sectors. A study group set up by the government of India in 1962 estimated that an annual income of 240 rupees is the minimum limit of the poverty line. Using National Sample Survey data, Pranab K. Bardhan, an eminent economist, came to the conclusion that in the year 1960-61, 38 percent of the population was living below the poverty line.

Dandekar and Rath, in their famous study of India's poverty, have used an annual per capita expenditure of 170 rupees as the minimum level at 1960-61 prices. According to them, 33 percent of the rural population was below the poverty line in 1960-61 and this went up to 40 percent in 1968-69.

B. S. Minhas has found the poverty line at



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Mexico to reorient oil policy

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24 (R) — Mexico sees bad times ahead for heavy oil exports because of the world oil glut so will try hard to find and export more top-quality light petroleum, a spokesman for the national oil monopoly, Pemex, said.

"In a relatively short period, Pemex will reorientate its program to exploit and refine light crude," which is comparable in quality to Arabian light oil, the spokesman said. Currently, about half the oil Mexico exports is light isthmus oil. But Pemex plans raising this percentage to help sell its crude in the face of a worsening oil glut, he said.

"Before, you could sell any kind of oil," the spokesman said. But falling demand and low prices have changed the consumption structure, he said.

The spokesman declined to comment if this new policy would affect Mexico's long-stated goal of exporting 1.5 million barrels daily.

Facing global glut

But Finance Minister David Ibarra last Friday reaffirmed that his country, the world's fourth largest oil producer, was committed to the export target.

Mexico's new emphasis on light oil means Pemex would cut its spending programs in Campeche Bay, the offshore heavy oil field in the Gulf of Mexico that produces half the country's crude output, the spokesman said. Instead, Mexico would heavily invest in exploring for light crude in remote areas near the Guatemalan border, he said.

The planned export of more light oil also comes in response to Pemex's need to find long-term low-interest financing, the spokesman said. The oil company's foreign debt now stands at \$16 billion, according to official sources.

The spokesman said Pemex expected Mexico's recent 30 percent peso devaluation would induce American border town consumers to cross the frontier to again buy unleaded gasoline.

U.S. motorists were discouraged from buying petrol in Mexico when the government raised the price of the unleaded fuel to the equivalent of \$1.60 a gallon in December.

U.S. urged to curb alien investment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, a New York Democrat, asked Tuesday that Congress give the U.S. government power to prohibit foreign investments in the United States "particularly where the investment is by a government entity in a sensitive sector of the U.S. economy."

He said he would soon introduce the necessary legislation. Rosenthal criticized what he called a \$2.5 billion sale to the government of Kuwait of the Santa Fe International Corp., a California firm.

"Are U.S. national interests served by allowing a major oil exporter to control a firm that has been developing a substitute for crude oil?" he asked. He also complained that a subsidiary of Santa Fe, C.F. Braun and Co., is an important engineering firm which has been doing work for the U.S. government on nuclear weapons plants.

Marc E. Leland, assistant secretary of the treasury for international affairs, said a mer-

Ailing Pan Am woos union to hike productivity

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — Pan American World Airways Inc., hard pressed to end its financial woes, is asking union employees to approve a change in work rules that would require more productivity for the same pay.

The airline's chairman, C. Edward Acker, has been meeting privately with Pan Am union leaders representing 24,000 workers to solicit support for the rule changes. Acker also is seeking union approval to increase Pan Am's flight capacity.

Pan Am reported an operating loss last year of \$348.4 million, the worst operating performance of any U.S. airline in history. Analysts also expect the carrier to report an operating loss for the first quarter of 1982.

Union officials said Acker wants flight attendants to work at least 70 hours a month before they qualify for overtime pay, up from the present 65 hours monthly. Acker also said he wants more work for the same pay from the four other unions.

Pan Am also intends, if the unions agree, to enter new U.S. air service markets and to raise its number of flights. And the airline wants to increase the domestic share of its own business to 40 percent from the present 30 percent and cut the international portion to 60 percent from 70 percent.

Pan Am's financial difficulties are partly a reflection of the pressures that many other U.S. airlines face, namely slack passenger traffic, high fuel costs and increased competition from new airlines since the industry was deregulated in 1978. In addition, Pan Am has been hurt by its \$400 million acquisition of national airlines in 1980.

Taipei firm to run ships to Europe

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporation of Taiwan will start up a regular service next autumn between the Far East and Western Europe, shipping sources said here Wednesday.

This would harden up the already fierce competition on this route, the sources said. Yang Ming will run four container ships currently under construction. Calls will be made at Le Havre, Antwerp, Hamburg, Bremen, Felixstowe and elsewhere.

Competition is expected to increase this June when Maersk of Denmark pulls out of the Far East Shipping Conference, and will no longer be bound by conference rates.

Some shippers believe Yang Ming could gain a major share of the business, as its rates would be highly competitive.

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Against a modest Northern Ireland opposition

England fails to impress despite big victory

LONDON, Feb. 24. (Agencies) — England, one of six seeded nations in the World Cup finals in Spain this summer, did little to enhance its claims to be ranked among soccer's elite when it labored to a 4-0 win over Northern Ireland in the British Championship Tuesday.

The winning margin was certainly flattering, two of its goals coming in the last six minutes. They had the boost of a goal in only 47 seconds by Bryan Robson but went on to make desperately hard work of beating a side boasting only three regular English First Division players.

The Irish, who will also be carrying the British flag in Spain, were, at best, modest opposition. But only when Cyril Regis appeared on the scene midway through the second-half did England begin to stretch its suspect defense. The muscular Regis, making his first international appearance at senior level, played with some of the commitment which was noticeably lacking in most of his teammates.

With his first touch of the ball — a header from skipper Kevin Keegan's cross — he brought a flying save from the veteran Pat Jennings in the Irish goal and a few minutes later he was denied his 20th goal of the season by a timely deflection by fullback Sammy Nelson.

While England manager Ron Greenwood

will at least be pleased to see his side score a few goals — it had managed only two in its previous six matches — his counterpart Billy Bingham will not sleep easy in his bed.

The Irish, who meet Spain, Yugoslavia and Honduras in Group Five, lacked the spirit which carried them to the World Cup finals for the first time since 1958. The midfield skills of skipper Martin O'Neal and darting runs by Sammy McIlroy, which troubled a slow moving England defense, were all he had to savor on a bitterly cold night.

England's opening goal before an Irishman had touched the ball was the only highlight of an appalling first-half which produced only three shots on target. Robson turned the ball home from close in after Trevor Francis had outpaced two defenders.

England manager Ron Greenwood, who made nine changes from the side which beat Hungary in November to clinch England's World Cup place, experimented further by playing Wilkins as a Continental-style "libero" between the central defenders. The move paid off handsomely, adding a new dimension to England's play and confusing the Irish forwards.

A crowd of 59,900 had hardly taken their places for the match — the first in this season's British domestic championship — when Robson opened England's account, turning in a superb cross from England's best forward

of the night, Trevor Francis.

Ireland's build-up was controlled and well-planned but invariably broke down on the edge of England's penalty area. The visitors appeared in vain for a penalty after 21 minutes when England goalkeeper Ray Clemence collided with Billy Hamilton and England went in at half-time leading by a single goal.

Just as the crowd was beginning to show its frustration at England's failure to add to its early success, Kevin Keegan scored a second goal. Alain from a Trevor Francis cross, the England captain rose above defender Chris Nicholl — who mistimed his jump — to head the ball firmly past Pat Jennings.

With the cushion of a two-goal lead, England took off Francis, who appeared to be injured, and replaced him with striker Cyril Regis, while winger Tony Morley was substituted by Tony Woodcock. Northern Ireland, in a bid to get back in the match, threw on winger Terry Cochran and David McCree, who plays for North American league side Tulsa Roughnecks.

Wilkins, relishing his new role, crowned a magnificent performance when he blasted in a shot off the shoulder of Sammy Nelson and then Glenn Hoddle side-footed the fourth.

England's soccer international win against Northern Ireland, was cheered by team manager Ron Greenwood and by the sportswriters.

ers, but there was caution whether the result is any real indicator of England's chances in the World Cup in June.

England played in European-Continental style formation, with a back sweeper, and there were nine changes from the last side which beat Hungary at Wembley in November. England is grouped with France, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait in the World Cup finals opening stage in Spain next summer.

Greenwood told reporters that mistakes in the first-half were corrected after the interval and he reckoned that his experiments worked. He said of the sweeper system: "It has advantages. Half of the players think it is a defensive system. It isn't, it's nothing to do with a defensive system. It gives you an attacking option — it's to do with people getting forward in forward positions."

Donald Saunders in the *Daily Telegraph* said the game "scarcely suggested that Northern Ireland will be a force in Spain next summer," and suggested that England's hesitations after the quick first goal were due to inexperience in playing the new formation.

Stuart Jones wrote in *The Times* that while the sweeper experiment was a success, "Greenwood gained little else with which to shape his World Cup campaign." *The Guardian's* David Lacey said the match "did little to further the discussion concerning England's hopes of World Cup success."



Glenn Hoddle...complete the rout



Kevin Keegan...in striking form

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England	4	Northern Ireland	0
Scotland	1	England	0
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British Championship			
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Knicks halt Bucks' winning streak

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP) — The New York Knicks have been too preoccupied with their own problems to be concerned with other teams' winning streaks.

But they beat Milwaukee 113-110 Tuesday night, the Bucks' first loss in 13 games. Mike Newlin, with 23 points, led the Knicks, who are in last place in the Atlantic Division with a 25-31 record. The Knicks also beat Houston Sunday for only the Rockets' second loss in 12 games.

The Knicks, despite their record, are one game behind Atlanta, which would have the final spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs if they started Tuesday.

Michael Ray Richardson scored 15 points, had 12 rebounds and 12 assists for the Knicks. He also put in seven points and made two steals in the final 2:43 to almost single-handedly lead New York down the stretch. In addition to Newlin's 25 points Maurice Lucas had 21 and Sly Williams 18 for New York. Marques Johnson scored 22 and Moncrief 18 for Milwaukee.

Philadelphia 76ers 115, San Diego Clippers 101: Philadelphia kept its 10-game winning streak alive by beating San Diego. Julius Erving led six 76ers in double figures with 34 points, including nine in the first period when

Philadelphia took control of the game by outscoring the Clippers 32-14. The 76ers now have a 40-14 record, best in the league.

Los Angeles Lakers 145, Denver Nuggets 129: Jamaal Wilkes scored 31 points as Los Angeles posted its highest point total of the season in its victory over Denver. The Lakers led 42-23 after the first period, and the Nuggets never got closer than 12 points thereafter.

San Antonio Spurs 143, Golden State Warriors 123: George Gervin scored 35 points and San Antonio overcame 50 free throw attempts by Golden State to beat the Warriors. The Spurs never led by fewer than 10 in the second-half after taking a 78-67 lead at intermission. World Free had 25 points for Golden State.

Houston Rockets 105, Dallas Mavericks 95: Moses Malone had 34 points and pulled down 21 rebounds and Elvin Hayes added 28 points as Houston beat Dallas. Spurs at the end of the first two quarters helped the Rockets take a 50-45 half-time lead. They scored the final six points of the first period and blanked the Mavericks 10-0 just before half-time. Jay Vincent led Dallas with 23 points.

Chicago Bulls 123, Portland Trail Blazers 122: Reggie Theus scored 28 points, while

Artis Gilmore added 24 and an important defensive play in the final seconds to keep Chicago ahead of Portland. Mychal Thompson, who led the Trail Blazers with 22 points, hit a three-point play with 36 seconds remaining to make the score 123-122. After an offensive foul by the Bulls, Thompson drove the baseline with seven seconds left, but Gilmore knocked the ball out of bounds. A last-second shot by Bob Gross missed.

Utah Jazz 113, Washington Bullets 106: Adrian Dantley scored 39 points as Utah ended a four-game losing streak by beating Washington for the first time in the last 15 tries. Dantley had 14 points in the third quarter, rallying Utah to an 86-83 lead after the Jazz had blown a 13-point second-quarter advantage. Frank Johnson was the leading scorer for the Bullets with 27 points.

Atlanta Hawks 103, Kansas City Kings 94: Eddie Johnson scored 27 points to lead Atlanta to its fifth straight victory after eight losses in a row. Kansas City outscored the Hawks 19-6 at the beginning of the fourth quarter to take an 87-85 lead with 6:03 on a Reggie Johnson tip-in. The Kings still led 88-87 with 5:23 to go, but Atlanta responded with a 16-6 streak the rest of the way, including five points in a row by Tom McMillen, who scored 22 overall.

Yorkshire may sack Boycott

SHEFFIELD, England, Feb. 24 (AP) — Geoff Boycott, the controversial England opening batsman, might have played his last match for his County cricket club Yorkshire.

The Yorkshire committee, which meets March 7, has been recommended not to renew his contract when it expires in September. If such a recommendation were accepted, Boycott — who has made more Test runs than any cricketer in history — would be unlikely to stay with his home County.

The recommendation has been made by a special subcommittee looking into the future of cricket in the County. The other recommendations are that Yorkshire team manager Ray Illingworth should be asked to leave, or both men should be sacked, or the two should try to settle their differences. It is understood that the majority of the committee believe Boycott should go.

France settles old score

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AP) — For the first time in six decades, France defeated Italy in soccer Tuesday night with a 2-0 victory at a sold-out friendly match in Paris' Parc De Princes Stadium.

Midfielder Michel Platini, captain of the French team, opened the scoring in 19th minute of play to give the French a 1-0 half-time margin. Forward Daniel Bravo grabbed the second goal in the 83rd minute.

The match was seen as a crucial warmup contest for this summer's World Cup Soccer Tournament in Spain. France will be competing in Group Four in Madrid, along with England, Czechoslovakia and Kuwait, and will have at least four more warmup games before facing England in a first-round test June 16.

Italy, competing in Group One with Poland, Peru and Cameroon, has about a half-dozen unofficial matches before meeting Poland June 14. In the match Tuesday night, France quickly showed its strength on the field with Platini and fellow midfielder Jean Tigana dominating the ball in the opening minutes of play.

Their efforts paid off in the 19th when Tigana shot the ball to Platini, who then kicked it 18 meters (59 feet) just inside the left goalpost past Italian goalie Dino Zoff. The French increased their pressure in the following minutes, but the Italian defense, mindful

of Platini's goal, stepped up its guard. Despite the increased Italian effort, France nearly scored again in the 39th minute when a shot by midfielder Alain Giresse just grazed the outside of the goalpost. The French went into the second-half with a 1-0 lead. It was much of the same scenario in the second half with France dominating the ball and few counter attacks by the Italians.

At the beginning of the second-half, the Italians sent in goalie Bordon to replace 40-year-old Zoff, who was making nearly his 100th appearance as an Italian international player.

The French replaced back Gerard Javion with Battiston in the 45th minute, forward Bernard Lacombe with Dominique Rocheteau in the 64th and forward Didier Six with Bravo in the 76th.

Seven minutes after he entered the game, the 19-year-old Bravo scored France's second goal on a pass from Rocheteau to secure the French victory.

It was the first time in 62 years that France had beat an Italian national team. The last French win was on Aug. 29, 1920 — when French president Francois Mitterrand was three years old.

The last time the two countries faced each other was during the 1978 World Cup eliminations when Italy emerged victorious 2-1.

Portisch forced to a tie by Braga

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Feb. 24 (AP) — Hungary's Lajos Portisch and Lev Polugaievsky of the Soviet Union drew their 12th round games in the Magistral IV International Chess Tournament Tuesday and remained tied for second place only two points behind leader Jan Timman of Holland.

Portisch drew his game against Argentina's Fernando Braga, while Polugaievsky did the same in his match with Ulf Andersson of Sweden. The one-half point boosted their totals to seven each in the 13-round \$25,000 tournament.

Timman, with a total of nine points, and Yasser Seirawan of the United States suspended their game. The tournament schedule calls for all suspended games to be played Wednesday. Players will rest Thursday with the 13th and final round set for Friday.

In other 12th round action games matching Miguel Najdorf of Argentina and Bent Larsen of Denmark, world champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and Zenon Franco of Paraguay, and Carlos Garcia Palermo of Argentina and Miguel Quinteros of Argentina were suspended.

Clerc opts out of Argentine Davis Cup team

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 24 (AP) — The Argentine Tennis Association Tuesday named five players to represent the country in opening round Davis Cup play against France and said top-ranked Jose-Luis Clerc has refused to participate.

The Argentine preliminary team consists of the country's second-ranked player Guillermo Vilas, Ricardo Cano, Alejandro Ganzabal, Carlos Castellani and Fernando Dalla Fontana.

The five players named Tuesday must be reduced to a final team of four by Thursday, 10 days before Argentina meets France on March 5-7 at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club. Association Administrative Secretary Eduardo Ocampo said that Clerc, vacationing in neighboring Chile, had told Argentine team captain Carlos Junquet that he would not play.

Clerc told Junquet that he was holding firm on his decision not to play in the Davis Cup because on one hand he wanted to meet other tennis commitments and on the other

Plethora of tennis tourneys ends battle for players' loyalties

LONDON, Feb. 24 (R) — Tennis may have to learn to live with the rivalry between the Grand Prix circuit and the privately-owned World Championship Tennis (WCT). This is the view of Dave Gray, secretary of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the Grand Prix Council, who at first predicted a battle for the loyalty of the players. Now he thinks there is enough demand for tennis to support both circuits.

In an interview at Wimbledon he said it was unlikely the more lucrative WCT tournaments would lure players away from the Grand Prix. "The top players have got so much prize money they can pick and choose at will," he said. "There are all sorts of reasons that make a player play in a particular tournament...his great uncle Fred might live there, or he loves playing on clay and hates playing on cement."

Despite breaking away, the Dallas-based WCT will not try to compete with the Grand Prix's big three events — Wimbledon, the French Open and the U.S. Open — and will use results from those tournaments to compile its own rankings list.

Gray suggested the Grand Prix was more

likely to get the support of the players' union, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), because it has more tournaments employing more players. WCT tournaments are limited to 16 or 32 entrants.

WCT broke away from the Grand Prix last year following four years of co-operation. Explanations for the split vary. Owen Williams, WCT's executive director, said recently some Grand Prix tournaments were "blatantly breaking the rules."

He was referring to the way some tournaments guarantee payments to leading players irrespective of the prize money. Other tennis officials say the practice is so difficult to trace that WCT probably has the same problem. "We have been trying to track our own people who have been paying guarantees for a long time," said David Gray.

"If I hand you \$20,000 in a sealed bag that might be a guarantee...it's almost untraceable. While you have a star system with a few big stars who rule the world and 20 or 30 other players whom everybody wants to see, somebody somewhere is going to try to use a few extra sweeteners."

Grand Prix officials have blamed the split on the decision of Lamar Hunt, who owns

WCT, to set up a player agency. They fear this might lead to a conflict of interest and they say WCT's commercial aims could restrict tournament organizers.

WCT's European director of public relations, Patrick Deuchar, says WCT is more adventurous in its approach to tennis. The split "was inevitable because WCT is a private enterprise and felt it was being choked by the Grand Prix...the profit is the incentive to do things better."

ITF officials admit that Lamar Hunt and WCT helped tennis in a period of sudden expansion but they doubt the benefits of commercial aims. "He brought promotional expertise from other sports," said Gray. "But some people felt that a private individual, a private company, wasn't the right way to run a world game."

Gray said the demand that players enter at least ten Grand Prix tournaments as well as "Grand Slam" events was not an attempt to secure their loyalty in the face of WCT temptation. "The Grand Prix has had a rule of this kind for years...at one point it was up to as many as 15 tournaments to qualify for the bonus pool and the Masters."



Jose-Luis Clerc...wants to rest

City, United in decisive clash

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP) — Manchester United, beaten only once at home this season, meets rival Manchester City Saturday in a local derby that could have a big influence on the English First Division championship race.

United, held to a goalless draw by Arsenal last week, currently lies second in the standings, four points behind leader Southampton but with two matches in hand. Manchester City is seventh, eight points in arrears, and defeat Saturday could end John Bond's team's interest in the title race.

England international midfielder Bryan Robson, whose first Manchester derby was the 0-0 draw at Maine Road last October, already has written off city's chairmanship challenge, but says his United teammates won't be under-rating their neighbors.

Leader Southampton, which has won 12 of its 14 home matches and is boosted by the consistent goalkeeping of Kevin Keegan and Steve Moran, entertains struggling Birmingham City, which will be playing its first game

under new manager Ron Saunders.

Birmingham has not won away for 16 months but Saunders is certain to demand an improvement in attitude, which often has let the team down this season. Arsenal, derided after a series of fumblingly dull performances host fellow championship contenders Swansea City and will be looking to improve on a record of 10 goals in 12 home matches.

Ipswich, fifth in the standings but with games in hand, is away to a Wolverhampton Wanderers team that has lost 11 of its last 12 matches, while Liverpool, now back in contention, is away to physical Leeds United.

Tottenham, still in the hunt for four trophies, faces a tricky looking trip to in-form Stoke while West Bromwich travels to Brighton. The rest of the First Division program pits Aston Villa against Coventry, Sunderland against Notts County, Everton against West Ham and Nottingham Forest against Middlesbrough.

Samaranch to tour Far East in March

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (AFP) — International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch will begin a 17-day tour of the Far East. Beginning with North Korea on March 29, it was learned here Wednesday.

Samaranch, a former Spanish ambassador to the Soviet Union, will then visit China, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan and South Korea before winding up his tour in Japan on April 13, according to his itinerary made known at a general meeting of the Japan Olympic Committee.

However, other details of the tour were not immediately available. The tour will be made at a time when China's participation in the World Women's Softball Championships to be held in Taiwan in July seems likely, with the problem of national flags and anthems remaining to be solved.

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night. In another action, Detroit Red Wings beat Colorado Rockies 6-3.

ROME, (AFP) — Swiss-based Russian exile Viktor Korchnoi, recent loser to Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union in the World Chess Championship final, stayed in the lead of the International Chess Championship here Tuesday after scoring a fourth-round victory over Bela Soos of West Germany. Korchnoi has so far dropped only half a point in the event. Hungary's Jozsef Pinter is lying second on three points.

SAO PAULO, (AFP) — Doctors are now hopeful that they can save the right leg of Brazil's triple-jump world record-holder Joao Carlos. Earlier reports indicated that Carlos, who was badly hurt in a car crash would have to have his right leg amputated.

But according to radio reports doctors have been encouraged by latest tests.

MADRID, (AFP) — Real Madrid qualified for the European Basketball Winners Cup final Tuesday when it defeated Sindud Bologna of Italy 107-94. The Spaniards led 79-78 at half-time.

LONDON, (AFP) — Britain's flyweight Charlie Magri may be given a title bout against World Boxing Council (WBC) champion Antonio Avelar of Mexico if he does well in his contest here next week against another Mexican Cyprano Arreola. British promoter Mickey Duff is reported to have offered Avelar a \$250,000 purse to defend his crown against the London boxer. Magri spoiled a chance of boxing for the world title last September when he was unexpectedly knocked out by yet another Mexican — Antonio Diaz.

CAMPOBASSO, Italy (AFP) — Britain's Ray Cathouse, 29, is a favorite to win the European lightweight crown when he fights Italian title-holder Joe Gibilisco here Wednesday. Beaten in only the first of his 28 pro fights to date, Cathouse has looked sharp and confident in training.

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida, (AFP) — American golfer Johnny Miller, who earned another \$32,000 when he was runner-up in the Los Angeles Open at the weekend, tops the PGA prizemoney stakes. Miller has so far pocketed \$102,227 this season. His compatriot Craig Stadler (97,236) is in second place in the standings and another American, Wayne Levi (74,645) is third.

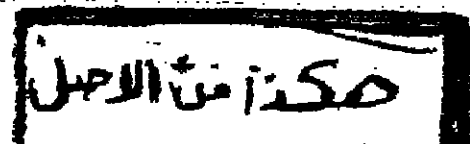
King, Hoyte favored to claim sprint events

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AFP) — Sprinters Harry King and Wendy Hoyte could be surprise medal winners in Britain's team for the European Indoor Athletics Championships in Milan March 6-7.

King has been the find of the indoor season and was possibly robbed of a national record against West Germany last weekend due to a breakdown in the electronic timing equipment.

Wendy Hoyte has won a hat-trick of British indoor sprint titles and this season has been only just outside her best of 7.26 secs.

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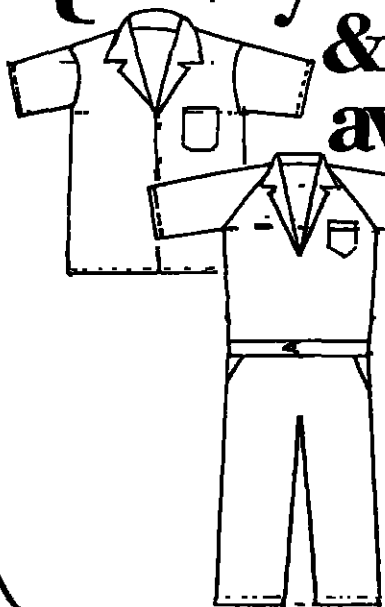
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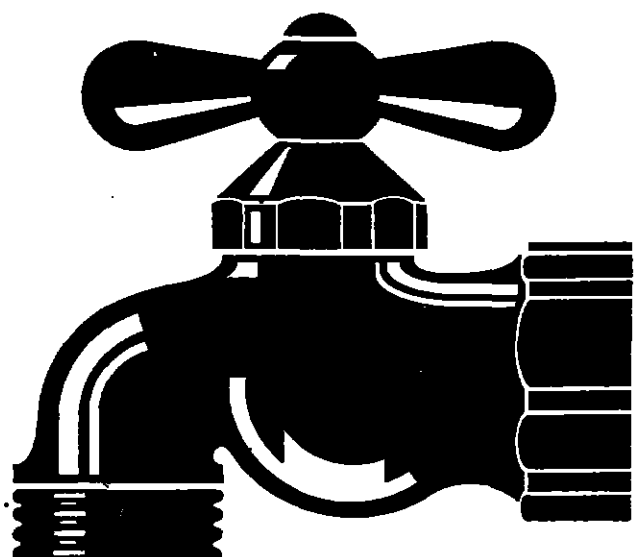


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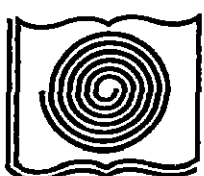
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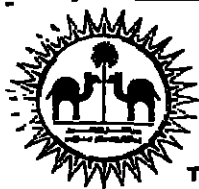
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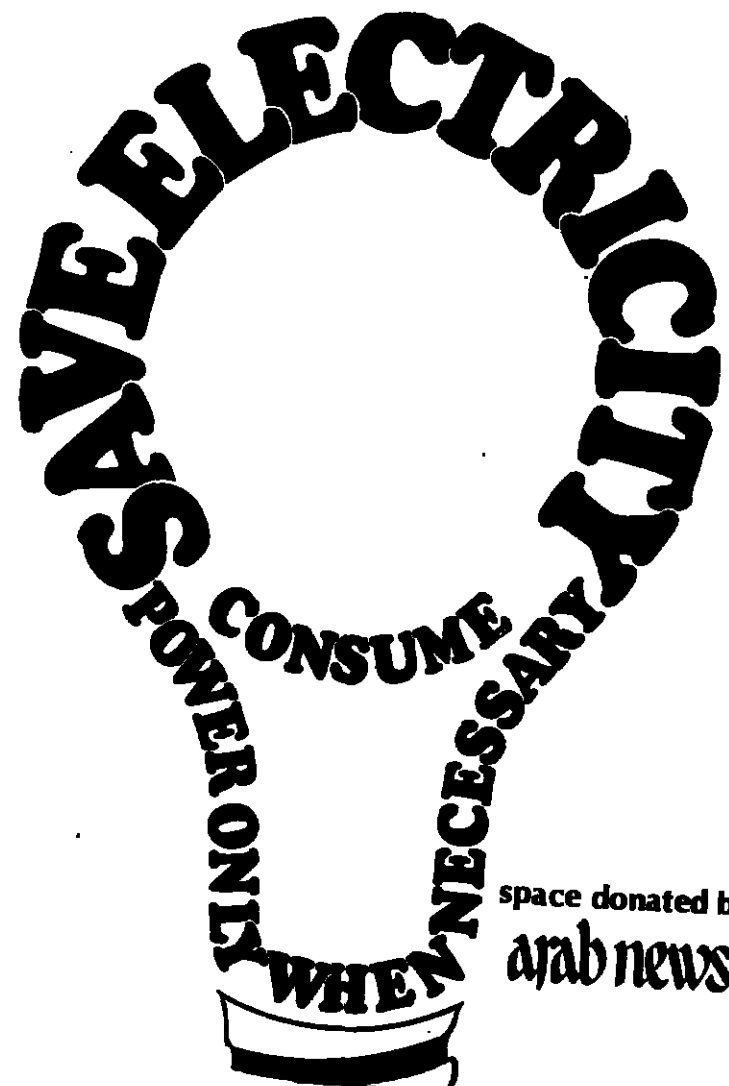
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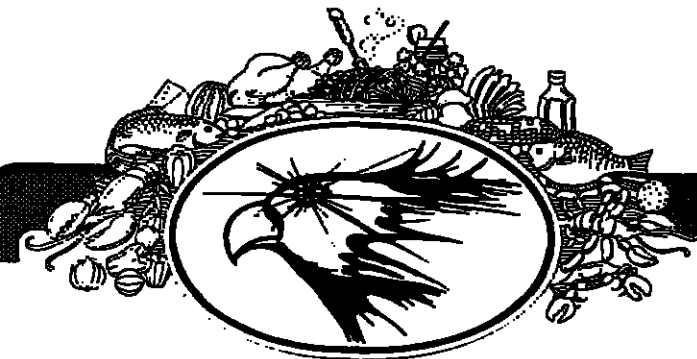
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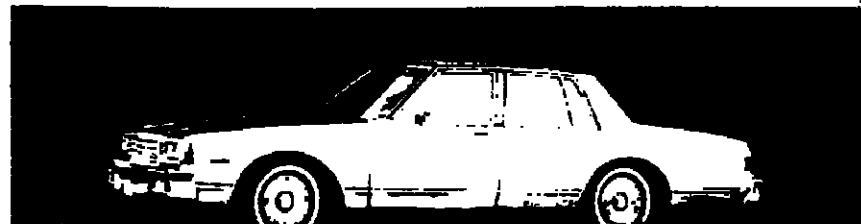
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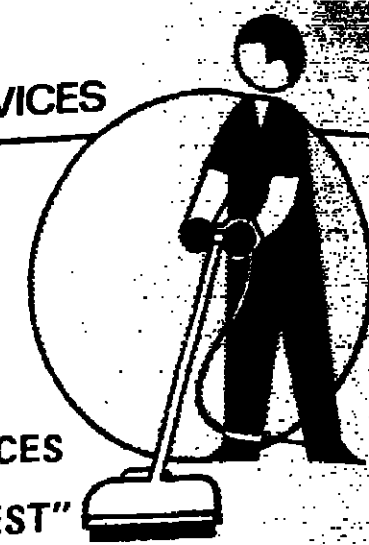
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Reagan ready to protect area's security

U.S. unveils Caribbean development plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan unveiled his long-awaited plan for Caribbean basin development Wednesday, coupling it with a warning that the United States is prepared to do "whatever is prudent and necessary" to protect its security interests in the area.

In a speech to the Organization of American States, Reagan outlined an integrated program of trade, aid and investment for the Caribbean-Central American region, which he said is under "economic siege" because of deteriorating terms of trade.

The economic hardships "have provided a fresh opening to the enemies of freedom, national independence and peaceful development," he said.

If the United States does not act promptly in defense of freedom, "new Cubas will arise from the ruins of today's conflicts," Reagan said in his prepared remarks.

"We will face more totalitarian regimes, more regimes tied militarily to the Soviet Union, more regimes exporting subversion, more regimes so incompetent yet so totalitarian that their citizens' only hope becomes that

of one day migrating to other American nations as in recent years they have come to the United States," he said.

Reagan denounced the "Soviet-backed, Cuban-managed support for violent revolution in Central America" and said he will ask Congress for increased security assistance for friendly countries of the area.

He also noted that the Rio Treaty of the Organization of American States provides for reciprocal defense responsibilities. Until now, the administration has shied away from utilizing OAS mechanisms for bringing peace to Central America.

Discussing his development plan, Reagan said it will be centered on his proposal for free trade for Caribbean products exported to the United States. He suggested these products be accorded duty-free status for a 12-year period as an inducement for investment in the region.

The only exception to the free trade concept will be textile and apparel products because these are governed by other international agreements, Reagan said.

The president also proposed a 1982 fiscal

year appropriation of \$350 million to assist countries which have been hard hit economically. Officials have said the funds would be concentrated on six countries suffering short-term balance of payments problems: El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Belize, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic.

He also said he will ask Congress to provide significant tax incentives for investment in the Caribbean basin. In addition, he said the United States is prepared to negotiate bilateral investment treaties with individual countries.

Reagan added that technical assistance and training will be offered to help the private sector in Caribbean basin countries. He said the United States will continue to coordinate its efforts with those of three other aid donor countries: Mexico, Canada and Venezuela.

Although Reagan was vague on how he plans to meet perceived security threats in the region, his speech was marked by tough rhetoric against Cuba and its allies.

"A new kind of colonialism stalks the world today and threatens our independence.

It is brutal and totalitarian. It is not of our hemisphere but it threatens our hemisphere and has established footholds on American soil for the expansion of its colonialist ambitions," he said.

He said the alternatives facing the region include the establishment or restoration of "moderate, constitutional governments with economic growth and improved living standards; or, further expansion of political violence from the extreme left and the extreme right resulting in the imposition of dictatorships and — inevitably — more economic decline and human suffering."

Reagan said the reborn of Communist regimes has been clear, "nowhere in its whole sordid history have the promises of communism been redeemed," he said. "Everywhere it has exploited and aggravated temporary economic suffering to seize power and then to institutionalize economic deprivation and suppress human rights."

"Right now, 6 million people worldwide are refugees from Communist systems. Already, more than a million Cubans alone have fled from Communist tyranny."

Polish party meets amid underground resistance

WARSAW, Feb. 24 (AP) — Poland's divided Communists, seeking to "close ranks" and regain public support, opened their first central committee meeting under martial law Wednesday amid "excess evidence" of stubborn underground resistance.

The party's 200-member central committee, elected during last July's emergency party congress under pressure for democratization from the now-suspended Solidarity union, convened the long-awaited, two-day session shortly after noon. Official government sources said first secretary Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who is also premier and military council chairman, opened the meeting with a report from the politburo.

The sources said the speech would concentrate on the need for party unity after months of varied and sometimes contradictory speeches by top officials and produce steps aimed at cementing political policy and economic reform into shape during martial law. As the party's leaders met in central Warsaw, government officials announced more than 200 managers and office administrators had been fired this month under Jaruzelski's orders.

A government spokesman said 203 persons had lost managerial posts in February, including 60 in state and local administration and 143 industrial executives. Of these, the government report on the Polish news agency PAP said 68 were fired for incompetence or embezzlement. It said managing chiefs of the Intraco and Torinex foreign trade enterprises were suspended.

Political analysts here believe that "many industrial managers, known as the 'Nomenklatura,'" opposed economic reforms that officials have said must be realized now to save Poland from economic collapse. But economic questions were to be pushed back to the next meeting of the plenum, senior Communist officials said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Poland's ambassador to the European security conference said in Madrid Wednesday he expects "an important relaxation" of martial law in Poland this week. The ambassador and head of the Polish delegation to the 35-nation meeting, Wlodzislaw Konarski, told reporters an easing of the crackdown imposed Dec. 13 could include relaxation of rules on individual rights and economic life. Konarski did not give a firm date. But he said it was hoped that the relaxation of martial law would be effected this week.

In Geneva, Western delegations to the U.N. Human Rights Commission, in a delicately phrased resolution, called Wednesday for U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to conduct "a thorough study of the human rights situation in Poland" and present an interim report by spring. The human rights inquiry, if approved, would be the first by the United Nations in Eastern Europe.

Move said afoot to oust Haughey

DUBLIN, Ireland, Feb. 24 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Charles Haughey was fighting for his political life Wednesday amid moves to oust him as leader of Fianna Fail, the biggest party in the Irish Republic, after failing to win a majority in last week's general election.

He faces a caucus Thursday of Fianna Fail's members in the Dail, or Irish Parliament, where his leadership will be challenged by former Industry Minister Desmond O'Malley, 45.

Fianna Fail won 81 seats in last Thursday's election — two short of a majority — while Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald's Fine Gael-Labor Party coalition took 78 seats.

The result was indecisive, leaving the balance of power in the 166-seat Dail with four independents and three members of the Marxist Sinn Fein, the workers party.

Haughey's party critics said 35 of the Fianna Fail deputies will support O'Malley in Thursday's caucus. Newspaper reports put the figure as high as 40.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazen

Grave — although by no means conclusive — developments on The Great Washington Love Story (the one in which our neighbor young Karen and her family are bombarded with extravagant gifts by her swain).

We left the story at the end of round one, in which all the ardent admirer's gifts failed to move Karen's heart. Well, round two started with him sending several citizens around to her house to stand picket duty, complete with posters and slogan-chanting. The police were there to keep them moving around so that the road is not obstructed. The neighborhood as a whole grit its teeth and waited to see which one will crack first, Karen's stony heart or the purse of the young fellow.

It was the young fellow's pique. He had rashly set up his headquarters in the town's Hilton, and between the gifts, the orchestra and the picket on one hand, and the hotel bills on the other, his war chest — later estimated at \$40,000 — was soon exhausted. Urgent appeals to his millionaire dad to step in with further funds went unheeded. Soon he had to withdraw the picket adn move to a much cheaper hotel.

This was followed by a most tension-ridden hull. (He's out there planning something!) the distraught father of the girl kept saying. The family decided there and then to move to New York for a time. The family was sure he was going to make a raid of some sort on their daughter's affection.

Their calculations were right. For the bell rang one Sunday and I opened the door to see the almost crying young man, who asked me if I knew where the neighbors have gone. His name was such that I invited him in and offered him coffee. He sat down and burst into tears. I had told him that they were in New York, and he used my phone to try to find out where they were staying. It did no good and he soon took his weepy farewell.

Ah, young lovers! All this phone calls to New York. On my phone!

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awani

Botha faces party revolt

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Feb. 24 (AP) — The ruling white-minority National Party faced its biggest crisis in 33 years Wednesday, as 22 members of its parliamentary caucus rebelled against Prime Minister P.W. Botha in a fight over his proposals to give a limited political role to non-whites.

The 22 party legislators voted against a motion of confidence in Botha, and the prime minister immediately threatened them with "disciplinary action" if they refused to consider. His threat was presumably taken to mean expulsion from the party.

The only previous split in the party since it took power 35 years ago in 1969, when four party legislators were thrown out in a similar fight over moderating the official policy of apartheid.

A grim-faced Botha told reporters outside the caucus room that 100 members voted for him, 22 against and one abstained. Nineteen Nationalist members of parliament were absent.

"I told them that they had until next Wednesday to reconsider, and also undertook to take them back as full members and without 'retour,'" Botha said. "If they do not, the party will exercise the necessary disciplinary action."

If the 23 rebelling members, including the one who abstained, refused to back down, it was considered virtually certain they would be expelled from the National Party.

This split between moderate and ultra-conservative factions in Botha's party has been an increasing threat since Botha became prime minister in 1978.

The conservatives, led by Transvaal province party leader Andries Treurnicht, object to any significant change in the policy of apartheid, or racial separation, which has kept the white minority in control of South Africa.

The faction, led by Botha would like to lift what it refers to as "hurtful" discrimination, easing at least the superficial aspects of race separation.

Differs from SALT

New arms treaty proposed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP) — The Reagan administration is two or three weeks away from completing a new proposal for a strategic nuclear weapons treaty with the Soviet Union that reduces both long-range missile and bomber totals as well as their destructive force, administration officials disclosed.

Depending on events in Poland and elsewhere, President Reagan may be ready to announce the terms by next summer. "It depends on the international situation," an official told the Associated Press Tuesday. "Poland is No. 1."

Working since last fall with computers and other analysis systems across the range of government, the administration is departing markedly from the approach of the 1972 SALT treaty and the 1974 Vladivostok Agreement.

These agreements set numerical ceilings for various weapons systems. Specifically, totals were set for permissible numbers of bombers and missile launch pads.

The new method might take the lifting power of missile launchers, known as "throw-weight," into account, as well as the number of warheads and their accuracy. The last may be the most difficult to calculate since the potential accuracy of a weapon is hard to measure.

The proportions are still to be determined. "A great deal of time has been spent arriving at a more meaningful index of destructive

capability on both sides," said another official.

Once the proposal is worked out, it will be submitted to Reagan and his principal policy-makers "who will have to take the international situation into account," one of the officials said.

After they give their approval, the proposal will be circulated among the North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, whose defense is under U.S. nuclear protection. Facing anti-nuclear pressure themselves, some of these governments have urged the administration to push ahead with strategic arms negotiations.

Clearance by the allies is expected to take several weeks. While the United States opened talks with the Soviets last Nov. 30 in Geneva to limit intermediate-range nuclear weapons, the administration is reluctant to work out a strategic arms treaty while Poland is under martial law and Soviet troops remain in Afghanistan.

Officials here said Reagan is seriously committed to cutting back long-range bombers and intercontinental missiles on both sides. But they stressed that the imposition of martial law in Poland and Soviet occupation of Afghanistan have hurt "the international atmosphere."

It is understood that Eugene Rostow, director of the Arms Control Agency, discussed elements of the new proposal recently with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin and he showed interest in it.

Paris summit concerned over interest rates

PARIS, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — France and West Germany Wednesday agreed that high world interest rates are a major source of concern, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said here after a first round of summit talks with French President Francois Mitterrand.

After private talks lasting two hours, Chancellor Schmidt said subjects discussed included international problems and particularly East-West relations. Poland, security policies, and the world economy.

The leaders of France and West Germany hope they can develop a united front on high U.S. interest rates and crisis in the European Common Market. The damaging effect high U.S. interest rates have had on European economies and the future of the troubled European Common Market will be the focus of the two-day summit meeting.

"We need as broad as possible — I hope, complete — unity against the economic and currency policies of the United States," Mitterrand said in an interview on German television on the eve of the 39th Franco-West German summit. Schmidt echoed his sentiments.

Concerning the 10-nation Common Market crisis, the two leaders want to find similar ground in dealing with what they perceive as Britain's failure to compromise on its financial contributions.

French officials believe the two deadlocked issues have gravely threatened the future of the Common Market and prevented reforms aimed at making the organization a more effective guardian of Western European interests.

Marcos raps minister

MANILA, Feb. 24 (AFP) — President Marcos dressed down his Islamic affairs minister Wednesday for talking too much about his forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia, which has not yet been formally announced, an official report said.

"Any speculation on the meeting of the president with any personality in Saudi Arabia is offensive to the government of the Philippines," an official statement said. Islamic Affairs Minister Romulo Espaldon had told foreign correspondents Tuesday that a meeting between President Marcos and the Middle East-based chairman of the southern Philippine Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) was "a possibility."

"As of now, there is no formal plan to visit Saudi Arabia or to meet with any rebel leader," Marcos said Wednesday. The presidential palace had announced Monday that a visit was planned.

Soviets offer cut in weapons

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union Wednesday repeated its proposal for massive cuts in medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe to leave each side with "no more than 300" by 1990.

A front-page editorial in the Communist Party daily Pravda seemed designed, in part, to encourage Western European pressure on U.S. negotiators in Geneva to come to an agreement with the Soviets on East-West missile reductions.

Pravda said Soviet negotiators had suggested a "very big reduction" of medium-range nuclear systems — missiles and aircraft — during the Geneva talks.

"The U.S.S.R. proposes that their current numbers be reduced by three or more times by 1990. Making a stage-by-stage advance to this goal, it would be possible within the next few years to reduce arsenals of the sides by one-third and then go further," Pravda said.

The goal would be to limit each side to "no more than 300 units of such weapons at the end of the current decade — instead of approximately a thousand units on each side today," Pravda said.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev first proposed the two-thirds reduction of medium-range "nuclear means" in talks with a visiting Western European Socialist delegation Feb. 3.

The U.S. government immediately rejected the proposal, saying it would leave the Soviets with a major advantage in advanced SS-20 medium-range missiles already targeted on Europe.

Meanwhile, comments from Soviet press and officials have become markedly more bellicose as charges mount here that U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration is moving toward a world war.

The latest warning came from Deputy Defense Minister Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov on Soviet television Tuesday, "if imperialist forces try to realize their crazy idea of a new world war, the Soviet armed forces will be able to defend their socialist nation."

He said the Soviet Union had "a standing capacity to respond energetically to any aggressor," and that the Soviet Union was "forced to reinforce its defense considering the growing aggressiveness of imperialism."

Deng hopes Cambodians will unite

PEKING, Feb. 24 (AP) — Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping conferred with Khmer Rouge Premier Khieu Samphan Wednesday and expressed hope all anti-Vietnamese forces in Cambodia would unite as soon as possible, China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

Xinhua said Deng had a "sincere and friendly conversation" with Khieu Samphan, who came to Peking for talks with former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk on forming a three-sided coalition to try to drive the Vietnamese out of Cambodia.

Sihanouk said Tuesday formation of the coalition is stalled because non-Communist former Cambodian Premier Son Sann refused to join Sihanouk and Khieu Samphan in talks in Peking.

But Xinhua said Deng "spoke highly of the positive results" of talks between Sihanouk and Khieu Samphan on promoting United Resistance against the Vietnamese.

The two have agreed that a three-party coalition must have a common political pro-

gram, must operate within the legal status of Democratic Kampuchea — the name of the Khmer Rouge regime, and must have common rules and present a harmonious front.


Sihanouk, however, is unwilling to join a two-party coalition with old enemies, the Khmer Rouge, for fear it will alienate his followers.

Xinhua said Deng praised the Khmer Rouge for "its correct stand of united resistance against Vietnamese aggression" and expressed hope that all the patriotic forces in Kampuchea would put the national interest above everything else."

It said Khieu Samphan told Deng his group would stick to the position of forming a union of joint resistance and was determined to carry the struggle through to the end together with the other patriotic forces.

Deng also gave a luncheon for Khieu Samphan and members of his delegation, Xinhua said.

It said Foreign Minister Huang Hua and Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong joined in the talks.



GLOBAL WEATHER

	Min		Max			Min		Max			
	C	F	C	F		C	F	C	F		
Amsterdam	-3	27	4	39	clear	Manila	18	64	33	91	clear
Athens	7	45	13	55	cloudy	Mexico City	8	46	22	71	cloudy
Bahrain	17	63	20	68	cloudy	Miami	14	57	22	72	clear
Bangkok	27	81	33	91	clear	Montreal	-4	25	0	32	snow
Beirut	15	59	18	64	clear	Moscow	-13	9	-4	25	clear
Berlin	-8	18	0	32	clear	New Delhi	5	41	21	70	cloudy
Brussels	-2	28	3	37	clear	New York	0	32	9	49	cloudy
Buenos Aires	12	53	23	73	clear	Nicosia	9	48	16	61	cloudy
Calro	13	55	20	68	clear	Oslo	-7	19	-7	19	cloudy
Caracas	18	64	31	88	cloudy	Paris	-1	30	7	45	clear
Chicago	0	32	3	38	clear	Rio de Janeiro	23	73	39	103	cloudy
Copenhagen	-7	19	-3	27	cloudy	Rome	-1	30	8	46	clear
Dublin	-3	27	7	45	cloudy	San Francisco	8	46	13	56	cloudy
Frankfurt	-7	19	1	34	snow	Seoul	0	32	12	51	clear
Geneva	0	32	5	41	cloudy	Singapore	25	77	33	91	rain
Helsinki	-4	25	0	32	cloudy	Stockholm	-7	19	-4	25	clear
Hong Kong	17	63	20	68	clear	Sydney	19	66	24	75	cloudy
Jakarta	23	73	31	88	rain	Taipei	14	57	19	66	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	cloudy	Tokyo	2	36	6	43	rain
London	-2	28	5	41	cloudy	Toronto	0	32	4	39	cloudy
Los Angeles	15	60	22	72	clear	Vancouver	2	36	6	43	cloudy
Madrid	0	32	9	48	clear	Vienna	-8	18	-1	30	clear

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